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▶ Matthew Robic, middle, at the Langley Flying School.

# Co-pilot remembered as a determined, vivacious man

- Matthew Robic, 26, died in hospital Wednesday after three weeks in intensive care
- He was passionate about flying and had a good sense of humour, employer says

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The co-pilot who died after a plane crash in Richmond three weeks ago is described as a man of good humour and a joy to work with.

Matthew Robic, 26, was surrounded by his girlfriend, parents, younger sister, grandparents and friends when he passed away at Vancouver General Hospital at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, according to a statement released by his employer, Northern Thunderbird Air. He spent three weeks in the intensive-care unit, suffering from burns to 80 per cent of his body. He died from trauma sustained in the crash.

"Matt was a strong, fit, and vivacious young man just getting started in a career that he loved," said the statement.

"He was a quietly determined and professional colleague who had good humour and was a joy to work with."

He had recently moved from Mission to Burnaby to live with his girlfriend.

Robic was one of nine people transported to hospital after the crash on Oct. 27 and remained in hospital since that time.

The Beech King Air 100 aircraft crashed and burst into flames on Russ Baker Way in Richmond as it returned to Vancouver International Airport.

Luc Fortin, the pilot, died shortly after the crash.

The B.C. Coroners Service continues to work closely with the Transportation Safety Board in order to learn more about the factors that led to the crash.

A private memorial service will held for Robic in the coming week.

**Passengers**

- The other seven passengers have been released from hospital, confirmed Vancouver Coastal Health on Thursday.

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# New legislation aims to curb concussions

- Vancouver doctor-turned-MLA seeks to set guidelines for best practices in the care of young athletes
- Proposed bill requires athletes suspected of having a concussion to be removed from games at time of injury

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Vancouver-Langara MLA Moira Stilwell introduced legislation Thursday aimed at reducing the number of concussions in amateur sports.

The private member's bill, called the Concussions in Youth Sport Safety Act, aims to give parents, players and coaches the tools and guidelines to make best decisions for the health of young athletes.

"Recent injuries to high-profile athletes have really drawn attention the importance of concussions," said Stilwell, a doctor and former president of the B.C. Medical Association. "They're very common in people under 19."

Stilwell said it's important to protect children's early brain development and from lasting damage from concussion.

"(The bill requires that) when a young athlete is suspected of having a concussion, that athlete needs to be removed from play at that time," she said.

"Before they come back to play, they need to be evaluated by a licensed health-care professional, who's trained in the evaluation management of concussions."

She also wants to make sure that sports organizations are developing and adopting guidelines and information for coaches and players for managing sports-related concussions.

Football B.C. executive director Patrick Waslen said that the timing of the bill's introduction is right, as the province is set to host the two largest football events in Canada, the Vanier Cup and the Grey Cup.

"While we are celebrating the great game of football in our province next week with the Grey Cup Festival, it is always important to remind players and supporters of the dangers of playing a contact sport and the best practices when dealing with an injury, especially when the brain is involved," Waslen said in a statement.

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▶ A snowboarder at Cypress last November.

# Below-freezing temperatures come Saturday

Vancouver residents should brace for a cold weekend, Environment Canada warned on Thursday.

Meteorologist Greg Pearce forecasts rain showers mixed with wet snow for Thursday night with two to four centimetres of snow at higher elevations, such as the North Shore and Simon Fraser University.

Moisture from the rain could freeze, creating patches of black ice. Pearce warns drivers to use caution when commuting on Friday morning.

The snow is expected to clear by early Friday.

On Saturday, Vancouver can expect below-freezing temperatures that will drop to a low of -2 C, with a high of 3 C. Such figures are not unusual for this time of year, he said.

Whistler Blackcomb Mountain and Grouse Mountain will also open this weekend.

KENDRA WONG

# Tent city poses danger to art collection: City

## ◗ Tent pegs and digging on gallery plaza could cause underground vault to leak: Lawyer ◗ Occupy lawyer argues camp provides a safe community

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Occupy Vancouver's tent city is endangering a large art collection stored underneath the plaza and preventing other groups from using the site, a judge heard Thursday.

City lawyer Ben Parkin told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anne MacKenzie that a waterproof membrane is protecting the art gallery's permanent art collection, which is stored in an underground vault beneath the encampment.

Parkin said protesters were reminded to refrain from using tent pegs and from digging on the plaza. Despite the directions, he said the occupiers have reportedly been seen driving tent stakes into the lawn to divert water around tents and other structures.

If heavy rain continues, Parkin added, the occupiers could dig deeper trenches, which could cause water to leak through the membrane into the vault.

Parkin also argued the encampment is preventing other protests from using the space.

"This is a site that is desirable and commonly used by many groups, hundreds of groups over the years, and should not be taken over by one particular political group," Parkin told the court.

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▶ Occupy Vancouver's Jordan (Aleister) Malcolm sits outside B.C. Supreme Court Thursday during the second day of the city's application for an injunction to clear out the tent city.

Lawyer Michael McCubbin, who is representing a 28-year-old homeless woman, argued the site has served as a safe place for those have nowhere else to go.

"Occupy Vancouver does provide a rather unique forum for shelter and protection," he said, noting that homeless women often face sexual and physical violence in substandard shelters in the area.

McCubbin also cited an informal survey conducted in the camp, suggesting there are at least 26 homeless people living on the site, with respondents saying they feel a sense of safety and community they wouldn't otherwise get from city shelters.

The Occupy camp offers homeless people access to first aid, permanent and undisturbed housing, regular meal service and protection from property loss, McCubbin argued.

Justice MacKenzie is expected to give a ruling Friday, just one day before the civic election.

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# Last chance to compare, contrast

- British Columbia residents head to the polls Saturday for 2011 municipal elections
- Metro takes one last look at the heated race in Vancouver

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## GREGOR ROBERTSON
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**Incumbent Mayor Gregor Robertson is looking for re-election on a platform of affordability and sustainability. His first term in council was spent dealing with the financial fallout of the Olympic Village, establishing emergency shelters for the homeless and green initiatives like downtown bike lanes.**

**Quote:**
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## SUZANNE ANTON
## NPA

**The lone NPA councillor last term, Suzanne Anton has run mostly on a campaign focused on holding Gregor Robertson accountable for the lack of planning that led up to the Stanley Cup riot and his handling of Occupy Vancouver. She's also pledged to build a downtown Vancouver streetcar service.**

**Quote:** "Our mantra is 'taxpayers first.' We focus on economic issues and spending taxpayers' money wisely."

**Platform:**
- Build downtown Vancouver streetcar.
- Introduce municipal spending cap.
- Create small-business liaison officer and red-tape commissioner.
- Fast-track 1,100 delayed units of supportive housing approved by last NPA council.
- Focus on traditional job sectors.

**Council candidates:** George Affleck, Elizabeth Ball, Sean Bickerton, Joe Carangi, Ken Charko, Mike Klassen, Jason Lemarche, Bill McCreery, Francis Wong, Bill Yuen.

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### Heading to polls?

**Most polls across the Lower Mainland are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Check with your municipality for the closest voting location near you.**

- **What to bring?** If you are already registered on the voter's list, bring the voter card you received from your city. If not, bring two pieces of ID for the registration process.
- **Voter turnout:** In the 2008 municipal election, 31 per cent of eligible Vancouver residents voted. The provincial average was 35 per cent.

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# Occupy not a big election factor: Experts

What to do about the motley collection of tents and signs erected on the downtown lawn of Vancouver's landmark art gallery has been a question thrust into the middle of the city's civic election.

But it isn't one likely to have much sway at the ballot box, says a pollster and other experts.

"I don't think you're going to get a lot of people to switch from one side to the other by talking about Occupy," said Mario Canseco, vice-president with Angus Reid Public Opinion.

"When it comes to this type of election, it's ultimately about the services. Are you satisfied with the way things are going?"

Only 31 per cent of Vancouverites voted in the 2008 municipal election. A similarly low turnout expected again this time favours the incumbent, Mayor Gregor Robertson, and his Vision Vancouver slate, Canseco said.

It also bodes poorly for challenger Suzanne Anton, with the right-leaning Non-Partisan Association, who Canseco said hasn't taken the crucial tact of mobilizing new voters.

Anton's campaign has taken a hardline approach to the encampment, along with chastising the mayor for policies around bike lanes and backyard chicken coops.

But polling data suggests people's major concerns revolve around good sanitation services, protecting the environment, ensuring public safety, quality of life, poverty and implementing policies to help small businesses.

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## Subaru snatcher trawling North Van: Police

A thief is targeting Subarus in North Vancouver.

RCMP say 18 late-model Subarus have been stolen from various locations around the city since January.

Every one of them was later found within a six-block radius of the intersection of Kingsway and Edmonds Street in Burnaby.

Police say they're trying to work out the connection between North Vancouver and Burnaby in order to track down the thief.

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# Heed's campaign-financing case 'closed': Elections BC

**Kash Heed's former campaign manager has publicly alleged there are expenses unaccounted for NDP still bitter about 'dirty campaign'**

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METRO FILE PHOTO

▶ The investigation into the campaign finances of MLA Kash Heed, right, will not be reopened despite recent allegations of irregularities, Elections BC said on Thursday.

The case of Vancouver-Fraserview MLA Kash Heed's campaign is over, Elections BC insists.

Chief electoral officer Keith Archer said Thursday that there is no new information to warrant a re-investigation into Heed's 2009 election-financing report.

The statement comes after NDP MLAs Leonard Krog and Gabriel Yui — the candidate who lost to Heed — asked Elections BC to take a fresh look at the file after Heed's former campaign manager, Barinder Sall, launched a media campaign against the MLA and said there are still $40,000 in election expenses unaccounted for.

But Archer said RCMP already knew of Sall's public allegations and looked into them.

"All of the information out in the public record was known in the investigation," Archer told media. "No new information has been provided. There's not basis for carrying out further investigation."

Krog said he accepted Archer's claim that the allegations were given due diligence, but is still bitter that Heed remains in office and refuses to apologize.

"It was a dirty campaign and he's escaped into the safety of the legislature," Krog said. "Certainly the public is extremely disturbed by the allegations."

Heed was fined $11,000 this year for violating the Election Act after he was found to have exceeded his $70,000 campaign limit by $6,000.

Despite the violation, he was permitted to keep his seat and remains in the Liberal caucus.

For his role, Sall was fined $15,000 and put on a year's probation by a provincial court judge.

# Ex-reporter ordered to stay away from schools

A former Global TV reporter in Vancouver faces new restrictions.

Ron Bencze is charged with nine sex offences against young teens.

A provincial court judge in Surrey ordered him to surrender his passport and not go within 50 metres of any schools, playgrounds or daycares.

The orders come after Bencze turned himself in for allegedly breaching his bail conditions by appearing near a Surrey school last month.

Bencze, a father of three, was initially charged in January with five counts of sexual assault.

After new complainants came forward, he was charged with four additional counts, including two of sexual assault and two of sexual interference.

Bencze has pleaded not guilty to the charges, and his next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 14.

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In a three-pronged program to mark the 70th anniversary of the internment policy, the Senate said Wednesday that it will award degrees to some 76 students. It will also develop initiatives to educate students about the camps and ask the university library to preserve records of the internment.

KENDRA WONG

### COPE clarifies housing program

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** COPE Council candidates have elaborated on their plans to create more affordable housing in Vancouver. It's proposed Vancouver Housing Authority, an organization tasked with "taking an aggressive lead on home creation," would create plans to build and maintain affordable housing, separate from market developments. It would also create a greater stock of affordable rental housing through zoning regulations.

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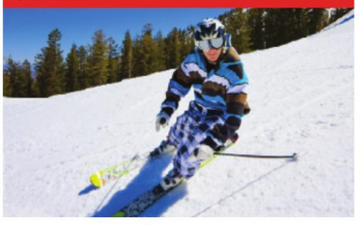

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# UN Climate Fund must be spent wisely: UBC profs

## Paper says initiatives should make a difference on the ground

Three professors from the University of British Columbia say they want to ensure billions of dollars pledged to help developing nations deal with climate change are properly spent.

The three argue in a paper published in the journal Science on Thursday that the $30-billion infusion for the UN's Green Climate Fund must be spent on initiatives that make a difference on the ground.

Simon Donner, one of the authors, says he's worried that if the money isn't managed well, there will be no political will to give even more in the future.

During a UN conference in Cancun, Mexico in December 2010 developed countries pledged to mobilize $100 billion a year, starting in 2020, so developing countries could plan for climate change.

Delegates at an upcoming UN conference in Durban, South Africa are expected to discuss the Green Climate Fund.

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▶ Dennis Augustynowicz, a strongman from the Vancouver Men's Show, lifts a 74-kilogram log press at Jack Poole Plaza on Thursday.

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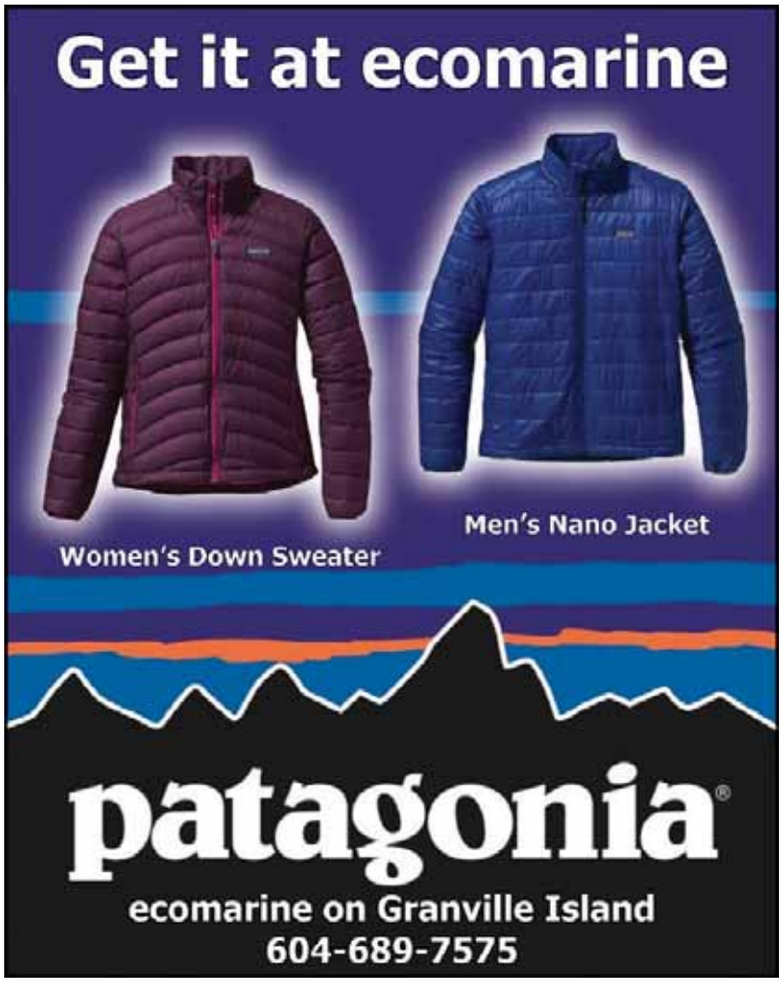

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## News in brief

### Suspects sought in attempted abduction

**ESCAPE.** The RCMP in Nanaimo are looking for two suspects in the attempted abduction of two teenaged girls early Sunday.

Police say the girls were walking near a school when a car with two men inside drove by several times before stopping. The men tried to force them into the vehicle, but the girls fought back. The men eventually gave up and drove off. Police are looking for two white men who were in a burgundy car.

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### Six people arrested after crime wave

**THEFTS.** Mounties on Quadra Island say they've arrested six people in two separate crime waves spanning three islands at the northern end of Georgia Strait.

The first involved break-ins at cabins on Read Island and the arrest of four people, including a young offender, on Monday. The second case involved car thefts on Quadra and Cortez islands, break-ins at two stores on Cortez and the theft of a 12-metre fishing boat from the same island. Two Campbell River residents aged 21 and 26 were arrested when they tied up the stolen boat on Quadra Island. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Judge to rule on Occupy injunction

**OCCUPY VICTORIA.** A B.C. Supreme Court judge will rule Friday on the City of Victoria's application for an injunction ordering the removal of Occupy tents from Centennial Square. The city's lawyer says Victoria isn't making any judgment about the protest, it's just trying to manage public space. A lawyer for the demonstrators says freedom of expression is a Charter of Rights guarantee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Sport court encourages leadership with youth

## Coca-Cola Canada pledges three-years of operational funding to inner-city Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre

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A new outdoor facility aims at teaching inner-city youth leadership skills, announced Coca-Cola Canada vice-president of field operations Dan Jeffries on Thursday.

The provincial government, BC Housing and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation received a $350,000 donation from Coca-Cola Canada during last year's Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games to build the 4,802-square-metre outdoor sport facility.

The sport court, located at Raymur Avenue and Union Street, was built following extensive community consultations, including input from youth who will benefit from the court.

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▶Youth shoot hoops at the new sport court on Raymur Avenue and Union Street Thursday.

"It's a great facility, a lot of kids (and parents) are going to be happy to use it," said James Naknakin, a member of the youth advisory committee. "A lot of really great things are going to be happening (at this court)."

The court includes six basketball hoops and can be used as a ball-hockey court.

Coca-Cola Canada has also pledged operational funding for the Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre for the next three years which will be put towards youth programming, coaching and a variety of sports clinics.

Additionally, 7,000 toques, made from recycled Coca-Cola bottles collected at the Winter Games venues, will be provided to centre to distribute to local residents.

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# Arctic dwellers at risk

**Polar bears are the ultimate symbol of climate change ◗ The animals are a step away from being classified as endangered ◗ Why saving the bears means saving the planet**

Bearly There

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If there's any animal on Earth that could inspire people to engage in preventing man-made climate change, the polar bear is it.

Majestic, powerful and deadly, the cuddly-looking bears are under direct threat from a warming planet, and they're already showing the symptoms.

"What you'll find in the short term is that polar bears will have to turn to other things," said Dr. Pete Ewing, a marine scientist with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Last week, for example, scientists came across a group of about 15 polar bears eating rotten grain destined for the landfill.

"There's a population of polar bears here that are desperate. They haven't been able to put on enough energy, and we're going to see more of that."

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**The amount of money that polar bears are worth to each Canadian annually as a symbol. That's more than the bald eagle is worth to Americans.**

Tourists and Arctic wildlife guides have noticed a decline in the weight of bears. They even found a bear that had died of starvation recently.

As the summer ice in the Arctic melts at a faster rate, and winter ice comes in more slowly, the polar bear population declines. And the more it declines, the more scientists and groups like the WWF worry.

Just last week, the Canadian government classified polar bears as a "species at risk." That's one step away from endangered.

Ewing said scientific models show there's no stopping the inevitable decline of summer ice, so scientists are trying to figure out where the polar bear has the best chance of survival. In the meantime, people need to start reversing the damage they've caused to the Arctic through the consumption of fossil fuels — but they shouldn't be overwhelmed.

"There have been massive changes in our society over the last few hundred years," said Ewing. "There's no reason we can't change again."

## Arctic research

- The WWF has been funding polar-bear research in Churchill on and off for the past 30 years, said Dr. Pete Ewing, but the Canadian government has not been maintaining its level of funding in recent years.
- "Arctic research can be difficult, it's expensive," said Ewing. "But for an Arctic nation like Canada ... the World Wildlife Fund has been able to step in and help when (the Canadian government) has not."

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# Wayward bears do time in jail

- Humans, bears coexist thanks to unique program
- Each year about 35 bears are put in 'jail' then lifted by helicopter to a location 60 kilometres away

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When your town's biggest nuisance can kill you with a casual swipe of a paw tipped with razor-sharp claws, grabbing the nearest shotgun when confronted with one seems a prudent idea.

But that thinking led to the deaths of dozens of polar bears in and around Churchill, Man., a few decades ago.

"Basically, if a bear came into town, it got shot," said Manitoba Conservation's Bob Windsor, who has helped remove about 100 bears from Churchill over the past three years. "That was not acceptable."

The Polar Bear Alert program changed all that, said Windsor.

The program is simple: local residents call the Polar Bear Alert Line to tell conservation officers of an approaching bear. A humane trap is set, and the bear is taken to "Polar Bear Jail." From there, they're later lifted by helicopter to an area away from the town.

The Polar Bear Alert Line is manned at all times.

Windsor said the program, while simple, has been extremely effective, cutting down on the number of polar bear deaths.

"We haven't had a fatality (from a polar bear) in the town of Churchill since 1983," said Windsor. "When I look at it that way, it makes it all worthwhile."

## What happens to bears in jail?

Polar bears are incredibly strong. Once they're captured, the bear trap is chained to the cell they'll be held in, so that they won't push the trap right out of the facility.

Once held, they are tranquilized and researchers assess the bears' condition. They are tagged and tattooed so Manitoba Conservation can see whether a bear returns.

Conditions inside the jail are cool and sparse. There is as little human interaction with bears as possible.

Bears are not fed. They can go months without eating, and if they're fed they tend to come back to the facility once released.

After a quarantine period, bears are tranquilized and then carefully wrapped up in a net so their heads and ear tags don't get tangled. The net is attached to a helicopter and the bear is taken to a safe location.

Researchers make sure the bear is alert before leaving the area, as wolves have been known to prey on a groggy bear.

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▶ Manitoba Conservation officers watch as a polar bear is lifted by a helicopter.

▶ Polar bears are under direct threat from climate change. Melting ice means they can't hunt their main source of food.

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▶ A polar bear is transported far from town.

▶ Polar bears are now classified as at risk.

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# Coke, WWF team up for Arctic Home

Fifteen years ago, groups like the World Wildlife Fund did not partner with groups like Coca-Cola.

The ultimate American brand, Coca-Cola's perceived cultural pervasiveness and arrogance meant they were the enemy. But not anymore.

Coca-Cola Canada president Nicolaos Koumettis said the company has actively tried to shed its image of taking over the world to one that preserves it over the past decade.

"What happened is that we all learned, and that includes the WWF ... that if you want to achieve something big, you have to work in partnership.

"We've worked with the WWF for many years on water conservation, and now it was time to take it to a new level."

Arctic Home is a major campaign launched by the WWF and Coca-Cola to raise money for polar-bear research in the Arctic. Koumettis said Coca-Cola will donate $2 million over the next four years toward that research.

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▶ Arctic Home is a new partnership between the WWF and Coca-Cola designed to generate awareness of the plight of the polar bear.

Gerald Butts, president and CEO of WWF Canada, said working with corporate partners who want to make the world better can affect the most change.

"In general, you can make things happen a lot quicker with companies, especially on big issues," said Butts, adding that Coke is one of the world's biggest users of water, sugar, aluminum and other commodities.

"If they decide they are only going to buy goods that are procured and grown in a certain way, then we can change the supply chain overnight. We could lobby 100 governments for 50 years and never get them to change."

To promote the campaign, Coca-Cola changed its can from the traditional red to white with silver polar bears.

"It wasn't a hard decision," said Koumettis.

Donations can be made at iCoke.ca. Coca-Cola will match donations from North America up to $1 million, in addition to money already pledged.

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# Polar bears essential to Churchill: Mayor

There are arguably only two industries in Churchill, Man.: Shipping and tourism. And both are under threat.

The economy over the past five years means tourism is down overall, said Mike Spence, Churchill's mayor and owner of Wat'chee Lodge.

"Tourism has been down over the last couple of years due to the economy," said Spence. "It's understandable. People have less money to spend."

Churchill currently has a stable population of about 900 people, which doubles during bear season. However, Churchill's population used to be much bigger.

"I grew up here when it had 6,000 people," said Spence. "Tourism wasn't even on the drawing board."

The population dwindled, however, when the Canadian Armed Forces moved out, so citizens had to start looking for new ways to bring money back into the town.

"Tourism began to be kicked into gear because we had more bears coming through (the town) because the military wasn't keeping them out."

In the late 1980s, tourism exploded. Since then, the polar bear has become synonymous with Churchill.

"When you're tagged with the moniker The Polar Bear Capital of the World, there's a lot of pride in that," said Spence.

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## Tourist draws

- Tens of thousands of people flood to Churchill every year, mostly to see the polar bears.
- Excursions to see the northern lights in winter, birds in spring and beluga whales in summer also draw tourists to the town.

## Ultimate logo

**Polar bears have been used as a logo for everything from diamonds to sports teams.**

- The polar bear has been the official symbol of Coca-Cola since 1922. It started with an ad campaign in France and grew from there.
- Canadian company Polar Bear Diamonds uses the bear as its official symbol.
- The Hudson Bay Helicopters uses a polar bear in its logo.

# Value of summer ice

**Ice is hugely important in the life cycle of polar bears, even in summer Here are 6 reasons why:**

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1. Polar bears' favourite food is ring seals, and ring seals are hunted from the ice. If the ice has disappeared, the bear is forced onto shore, where seals can't be hunted. When the ice freezes over in winter, there is little to eat.

2. With fewer seals to feast on, the female polar bears don't gain enough weight. While there may be other sources of food available, the fatty ring seals provide a higher caloric content.

3. If female polar bears don't put on enough weight, they are less likely to become pregnant or carry cubs to term.

4. Fewer pregnancies means there are fewer polar bears.

5. Polar bears also prefer to avoid each other. Less sea ice in the summertime means bears will have more frequent encounters with other bears and less space to roam.

6. The loss of summer ice is already having an effect on polar-bear populations. Bears are resorting to eating nutritionally deficient foods such as kelp, and instances of cannibalism are on the rise.

## Melting ice taking its toll

The melting of Arctic ice in the summer will be both an economic blessing and a curse, says marine scientist Dr. Peter Ewing.

• Warmer summer months mean longer shipping seasons for the port of Churchill, Man. Passages that were previously ice-covered will become much easier to navigate. More shipments means more jobs. It also means the easier shipment of necessary goods to Northern Canada.

• Local Inuit will see a vast cultural change. Peoples who hunt and trap to feed their families will see their traditional culture evolve as bears, seals and other Arctic animals disappear. The government will have to deal with an entire culture that can no longer support itself.

• People do not understand the role the Arctic plays in regulating weather, said Ewing. A melting Arctic means the Earth will heat up even faster, leading to more violent weather and flooding, which will result in more damage to cities and infrastructure, not to mention the loss of life. The total bill for all this chaos is impossible to estimate accurately, but some reports have put it at trillions of dollars.

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▶ Polar bears are being forced onto shore, where they can't hunt due to retreating sea ice.

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▶ Occupy Wall Street protesters clash with police in Zuccotti Park on Thursday in New York City. Protesters attempted to shut down the New York Stock Exchange, blocking roads and tying up traffic in Lower Manhattan.

# Activists, cops clash in NYC

**Demonstrators march through heart of financial district on national day of protest At least 200 people arrested**

Occupy Wall Street protesters clogged streets and tied up traffic around the U.S. on Thursday to mark two months since the movement's birth and signal they aren't ready to quit, despite the breakup of many of their encampments by police. Hundreds of people were arrested, most of them in New York.

Chanting "All day, all week, shut down Wall Street," more than 1,000 protesters gathered near the New York Stock Exchange and sat down in several intersections. Helmeted police officers broke up some of the gatherings, and operations at the stock market were not disrupted.

A crowd of several thousand people, led by banner-carrying members of the Service Employees International Union, jammed Manhattan's Foley Square and then marched peacefully across the Brooklyn Bridge on a pedestrian promenade.

As they walked, a powerful light projected the slogan "We are the 99 per cent" — a reference to the Americans who aren't super-rich — on the side of a nearby skyscraper.

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## News in brief

### No sanctuary for Occupy T.O.

**PROTESTERS.** Occupy Toronto protesters cannot use the city's landmark cathedral to evade eviction if the courts rule they have to leave the park they took over more than a month ago, the Anglican dean of Toronto said Thursday.

Rev. Douglas Stoute said the church owns some of the land adjacent to the majestic St. James Cathedral, but the city owns the rest and runs park as a "seamless garment."

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### Protesters shy away from politicians

**FACEOFF.** The Republican Party and the Tea Party seemed to be a natural political pairing. But what may have seemed like another politically beneficial alliance — Democrats and Occupy Wall Street — hasn't happened.

Although Democrats and protesters have similar views on economic inequality and corporate responsibility each holds the other at arm's length. There's little benefit to Democrats in welcoming a group that has defied police and shown evidence of drug use.

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### London campers refuse to leave

Protesters camped outside St. Paul's Cathedral in London said Thursday they are staying put as a deadline passed for them to take down their tents or face legal action.

London officials attached eviction notices to the tents Wednesday, demanding they be removed from the churchyard by 6 p.m. local time Thursday.

The Occupy London group said no one had left by the deadline, and marked its passing with a rally.

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# Benetton faces Vatican wrath

## Clothing manufacturer says it is sorry image of pope kissing imam offended the faithful

The Vatican is taking legal action against the Benetton clothing company to prevent the circulation of an advertisement featuring a fake photo montage of Pope Benedict XVI kissing a top Egyptian imam on the lips.

The Vatican said Thursday the image is "offensive not only to the dignity of the pope and the Catholic Church, but also to the sensibilities of believers."

Benetton withdrew the ad immediately after its debut Wednesday once the Vatican denounced it as an unacceptable provocation.

Benetton had said its "Unhate" campaign was aimed at fostering tolerance, but the Vatican's daily newspaper Thursday called it "an insult to believers in the name of profit."

The campaign's fake photos feature a half-dozen purported political nemeses in lip-locked embraces, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

The photo of the pope kissing Sheik Ahmed el-Tayeb of Cairo's al-Azhar institute, the pre-eminent theological school of Sunni Islam, was on Benetton's website all day Wednesday but was pulled about an hour after the Vatican's protest.

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**Strategy**

- Shock ads have long been a part of Benetton's publicity strategy, with photographer Oliviero Toscani's famous campaigns for them featuring death row inmates and people dying of AIDS.

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▶ People walk past Benetton's "Unhate" campaign at a shop Thursday.

# New low: Pay extra for fuel or don't fly

Airlines have already begun charging for food, drinks, seat assignments and baggage. Now one is demanding that passengers cough up extra cash on board for fuel.

Hundreds of passengers travelling from India to Britain were stranded for six hours in Vienna when their Comtel Air flight stopped for fuel on Tuesday. The charter service asked them to kick in more than £20,000 ($32,306 US) to fund the rest of the flight to Birmingham, England.

The situation may represent a new low in customer care in an era when flyers are seeing long lines, long waits and few perks.

Britain's Channel 4 news broadcast video showing a Comtel cabin crew member telling passengers: "We need some money to pay the fuel, to pay the airport, to pay everything we need. If you want to go to Birmingham, you have to pay."

Some passengers said they were sent off the plane to cash machines in Vienna to raise the money.

"We all got together, took our money out of purses — £130," said Reena Rindi, who was aboard with her daughter. "Children under two went free, my little one went free because she's under two. If we didn't have the money, they were making us go one by one outside, in Vienna, to get the cash out."

The passengers did eventually reach Birmingham, but many expressed outrage.

"It is absolutely disgusting," said Dalvinder Batra, who is from the West Midlands.

Bhupinder Kandra, the airline's majority shareholder, told the Associated Press from Vienna that travel agents had taken the passengers' money before the planes left but had not passed it on to the airline.

"This is not my problem," he said. "The problem is with the agents."

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**Passenger woes**

- A similar Comtel situation was taking place back in Amritsar. Some 180 passengers on another Comtel flight were told they would not be taking off until they come up with 10,000 rupees (about $200 US) each, Kandra told the BBC on Thursday.
- It was not clear when that plane was supposed to have taken off. The passengers in Amritsar were not stuck on the plane or at the airport, according to British diplomats in India. Most were booking flights on other airlines to get to Britain.

# Canada hosting Syrian websites

A report by a University of Toronto think tank says a number of Syrian government websites are being hosted by servers based in Canada.

The report says 17 Syrian websites are hosted on Canadian-based web servers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# NDP has 100,000 members

The number of card-carrying New Democrats has swelled 13 per cent to almost 100,000.

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**Statistics**

- There are now 5,558 NDP members in Quebec.
- British Columbia boasts 31,456 members, Ontario has 25,722, Manitoba has 10,514, Saskatchewan has 9,442 and Alberta has 8,361.

# Concern over data from air travellers

Canada's privacy czar, Jennifer Stoddart, says the national air security agency is collecting too much information about travellers.

Stoddart says the agency is not always safeguarding the sensitive information properly, either.

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Nothing gets the heart racing like finding a brand new gadget underneath the Christmas tree! Computers, tablets and all of the accessories that come with them are always hot sellers during the holiday season.

Don't know where to start? Don't worry! Our gadget guide has you covered.

Here are a few of our favourite picks:

### Dell XPS 14Z — $999.99

A luxury laptop loaded with powerful technology.

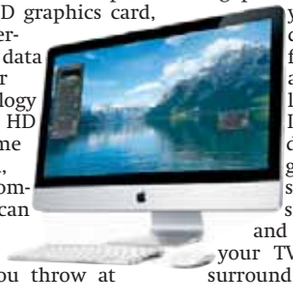
This 14-inch laptop features second generation Intel core processors, a roomy 14-inch HD display with edge-to-edge glass and an ultra-thin frame.

timetres at its thickest point, it's one of the slimmest laptops on the market. It's also incredibly light, weighing only 2.38 pounds.

The latest model has a backlit keyboard, which means you can work in any lighting condition, even beside a roaring yuletide fire.

### Apple iMac — starting at $1,199

An all-in-one computer with style! Featuring quad-core Intel processors, HD graphics card, Thunderbolt data transfer technology and HD FaceTime camera, this computer can handle whatever you throw at it.



As with all Apple computers, all the essential software comes bundled with the computer. Screen sizes range from 21.5 to 27 inches.

### Sony VAIO Z Series — $1,999.99

Multi-layered carbon casing protects this rugged, yet thin, Windows 7 laptop from the wear and tear of daily life.

Intel Wireless display technology allows you to stream online TV shows, movies and photos right to your TV with full 5.1 surround sound! Add the optional Blu-ray player/burner and you have a mobile home theatre.

Plus, it has a built-in HD webcam that can track your face and continuously focus, even if you move.

### HP PhotoSmart eStation — $399

It's an all-in-one printer with a twist! Sure, it can print, scan, copy and fax, but the seven-inch LCD display holds a secret … you can detach the touchscreen and use it as a basic tablet.

Read e-books, send email, log onto Facebook or control your printer wirelessly. You can also download a select number of apps from HP, which will allow you to print everything from recipes to colouring book pages for your kids right from the tablet.

### MacBook Air — starting at $999

This ultra-portable laptop is sure to turn heads. At only 1.7 cen-

From top, Dell XPS 14Z, $999.99, Apple iMac, starting at $1,199, HP PhotoSmart eStation, $399.

### Blue Eyeball 2.0 — $99.99

A revolutionary new webcam from Blue Microphones.

Broadcast or record videos in high definition with crystal clear audio. When you want privacy, simply retract the lens!

The unique mounting system allows the camera to be set up on a desk or monitor.

Works on both Mac and PC, no drivers required.

### Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 — starting at $499

An Android tablet with snappy performance thanks to its 1GHz Dual Core processor. The 10.1-inch screen makes it easy to surf the web (including Flash content), or watch movies.

If you are in a creative mood you can record your own HD movie via one of two cameras (2 megapixel and 3 megapixel) built into the device. A battery that lasts up to nine hours makes it ideal for travel. Wi-Fi and 4G models are available.

### Microsoft Touch Mouse — $79.99

This optical mouse features a touch sensitive surface to allow for finger gestures on PCs running Windows 7. Users can scroll through webpages, minimize windows and much more. Thanks to BlueTrack Technology this mouse will work on virtually any surface!

### iPad 2 — starting at $519

Apple's iPad 2 remains the No. 1 tablet on the market. Its stylish form factor and intuitive operating system make it easy for anyone to pick up and use. With more than 500,000 apps available in Apple's app store, there truly is an app for everything.

While the cameras may not be quite as good as those found on other tablets, they are ideal for FaceTime chat (free video calling from one Apple device to another).

The fact that you can't view Flash content on this device still hasn't deterred people from falling in love with the iPad 2.

Clockwise, from top left, Blue Eyeball 2.0, $99.99, iPad 2, starting at $519, Microsoft Touch Mouse, $79.99, and Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1, starting at $499.

# Creative Twists

## Crafts from felt soap to felted mittens are speedy and simple, handmade holiday gifts

The holidays can pose a challenge for crafters: What to make for friends and relatives that is useful, attractive — and fast to churn out? Speed and simplicity are key this time of year.

These projects capture the imagination and offer ample opportunity for improvising; put your creative twist on any of them for memorable gifts.

### Felt soap

The first time Leah Adams of Seattle gave out felt soap for the holidays, one of her relatives cut the felt away, taking it for elaborate packaging. It wasn't. The colourful felting is slightly abrasive and holds suds well.

This product image courtesy of Leah Adams shows her felt soap. The colorful felting is slightly abrasive and holds suds well.

Five years later, Adams sells hundreds of felt soaps, including at her Etsy online shop, kneek, or SpiderFelt. But she always includes a tag that warns against cutting away the felt. Adams recommends viewing her Felt Soap Tutorial on YouTube for complete instructions, but it's basically wrapping a 55-gram bar of soap in wool roving, adding water, and then gently agitating the wool until it shrinks tightly around the soap. Presto.

Not all wool will work; some is too coarse. Adams recommends sheep's wool, in particular Corriedale and Merino, which is finer but more costly.

### e-reader cover

Lisa Occhipinti of Venice, Calif., is a painter and sculptor who tears apart old books, incorporating pages into her fine art, but also devising ingenious everyday sculptural uses, from mobiles and mirrors to wreaths and the "Kindle Keeper."

She finds old books at thrift stores and garage sales, preferring linen covers embossed or imprinted with an illustration. The Kindle Keeper can be fashioned for any electronic tablet, protecting the device while returning the feel of a good book to the e-reading experience.

She explains how to customize the project in her book The Repurposed Library (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2011): Start with an orphaned hardcover book whose title or cover art match the gift recipient's interests and is large enough to comfortably fit the device.

Tear out the inside pages, saving them for another project. Cut a piece of decorative paper to fit the spine's height and width, adding 1.3 centimetres to the width. Glue that in; allow it to dry.

Apply three small Velcro dots to the back of the electronic device — two at the top, one at the bottom. Attach the hook mates to each piece of Velcro, then remove the paper backing and centre the device on the inside back cover of the old book, pressing to secure the Velcro to the back cover.

Add a bookplate or library pocket to the inside front cover to personalize the gift.

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This photo, courtesy of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc./Sang An, shows beaded jewelry from the 2011 issue of Martha Stewart's Holiday Handbook. Craft delicate jewelry for holiday gifts with only a beading needle, select beads and thin ribbon or silk beading cord.

### Felted mittens

Scavenging for this craft is half the fun: Dig through unworn sweaters at home or at a local thrift store. They don't have to be wool, but wool is warmer, according to Stefanie Girard, the Burbank, Calif., author of "Sweater Surgery" (Quarry Books, 2008).

A wool sweater needs to be washed in hot water (with a cold rinse) with laundry detergent and a clean towel, then dried flat to block it. This shrinks and tightens the wool fibres, making the sweater appear felted.

If the sweater has a ribbed bottom edge, this is where the wrist of the mitten goes to give it a nice edge.Make a mitten pattern tracing your own hand, adding 1.3 centimetres all the way around, larger or smaller depending on a gift recipient's hand size. Repeat, and cut out both tracings.

Embellish the top side of the mitten, if desired, then machine sew it to the other tracing, right sides together.

Clip a small slit at the inside of each thumb point, without cutting the stitching, to alleviate bulk before turning the mittens right sides out.

### Simple beaded jewelry

The 2011 Martha Stewart Holiday Handbook shares instructions for how to make delicate, beaded necklaces with minimal parts. Its simplicity is the beauty of this project, says Marci McGoldrick, editorial director of Holiday & Crafts for Martha Stewart Living.

A ribbon necklace is trendy.

"A lot of jewelry on the market now uses ribbon instead of chain, or there's fabric incorporated into it," says McGoldrick.

Using 50 centimetres of 5mm-wide ribbon and a beading needle, string assorted beads, from large to seed beads. Attach a clasp and a connector to the ribbon at each end, knotting them into place.

Another necklace: For a continuous strand of beads, use 50 centimetres of silk beading cord. Attach a connector to the end of the cord and thread with beads. At the midpoint, thread two jingle bells, and then continue beading. Affix the clasp to the other end by knotting it.

### Embellished T-shirts, towels, totes

Finally, there are many ways to embellish and personalize a T-shirt; hand or kitchen towels; or a tote.

McGoldrick suggests taking a profile photo of a beloved pet, enlarging it and cutting it out of a fabric that won't fray, such as ultrasuede. Attach the silhouette and a twill-tape collar and leash to a tote with craft glue; sew them to a T-shirt or towel.

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# THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

## NEW WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS PUT CUSTOMERS FIRST

Leasa Sulz couldn't believe it! When she'd signed up for a wireless plan back in 2008, she'd negotiated unlimited texting. But her bill was for more than $1,000 with $970 of that for texting. Then it took Sulz, of Edmonton, an aggravating five months to reverse the charges and fix the problem.

She's not alone. In fact, these types of complaints are on the increase.

Canada's Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services received 8,007 official complaints about cellphones, home phones and internet service in 2010-2011, an increase of 114 per cent over the previous year. Wireless service caused the most headaches; and 80 per cent of all complaints had to do with billing errors and contract disputes.

Many wireless customers are unhappy about the cost of their service too, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2011 Canadian Wireless Customer Satisfaction Study. The study also showed that the cost of monthly contract service has increased on average to $78 in 2011 from $71 in 2009.

Furthermore, just about half of customers in the study who had a wireless sales experience within the past six months were switching or considering switching carriers to one of the newer wireless service providers such as Mobilicity.

Burnaby, B.C. realtor Ian Su is a good example. He switched to Mobilicity to free himself of all the additional charges on his old $45 plan. He had actually started to limit calls he made to clients unless he was at the office or a coffee shop with free WIFI – and that was stressful and reduced his productivity. His solution was to buy a Mobilicity Android smartphone with unlimited talk text and data service.

As Su discovered, the industry is getting more competitive – and this is especially true as the holiday season approaches. Earlier this week, Mobilicity cut its regular monthly rate plans by 50 per cent for a limited time.

Named one of Canada's Top 25 Up and Coming Information and Communication Technology start-ups in 2010, Mobilicity scored highest in overall customer satisfaction – +28 per cent higher than the average wireless company.

The company provides unlimited talk, text and data plans, affordable North American coverage, and popular handsets and smartphones with no contracts or extra or hidden fees.

Says Mobilicity's CEO Dave Dobbin: "There are no contracts and you won't receive an outrageous bill at the end of the month with surprise charges and extra fees. The price of the plan is the price that you pay, it's that simple."

## MOBILICITY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- **Vancouver consultant Chad Brown switched to Mobilicity after he received a $475 bill from a large carrier last spring. One thousand outgoing daytime minutes in his old $45 plan weren't enough. "But now I don't have to worry about going over."**
- **When Vineet Sharma, a sales analyst, moved to Toronto from Australia, he ended up buying a top-of-the-line Android phone from Mobilicity and put it on the carrier's $35 unlimited talk and text plan. He added unlimited data for an extra $10. Sharma had never thought to access email or the internet due to high wireless data calls. "But with Mobilicity, I pay a fixed monthly rate. If my plan says it is $45, it's only going to cost me $45."**
- **When Ottawa office manager Eugenia Montes switched her family to Mobilicity, she cut their monthly $200 bill in half. Now, thanks to her plan's unlimited North America long distance and global text features, Montes calls and texts friends and family in New York regularly. "I'd be crazy if I didn't switch."**

# SHOPPING FOR A SMARTPHONE?

## HERE ARE 5 HELPFUL TIPS

There's a reason smartphones are all the rage and industry analysts are projecting over a billion people around the world will own one by 2013. Smartphones offer the functionality of a mobile phone, computer and media player all in one savvy device.

But with so many from which to choose, making a smart smartphone decision isn't always easy.

The key is to determine how the device will be used beyond making phone calls, according to unlimited wireless carrier Mobilicity who offers consumers these handy tips:

**1** ***For avid texters and emailers,*** smartphones with a raised keyboard, like on the new BlackBerry Bold 9900, are recommended because they enable quick and easy typing and messaging.

**2** ***For those who want to regularly browse the web,*** watch video and play games, a touch-screen Android smartphone, like the Samsung Nexus S, is a better bet with its large, vivid, touch-responsive display and app marketplace.

**3** ***Music and movie buffs*** should get enough onboard memory to store their favourite tunes and flicks. For most, 16 GB of space should do the trick.

**4** ***Business professionals*** will appreciate cool value-add features like the ringer on the HTC Panache Android smartphone which can be silenced in meetings or other quiet areas, simply by turning the device over. It also has a front-facing camera so users can take perfectly framed self-portraits and videos.

**5** ***Whether the phone is for you or a friend,*** look beyond the price of the hardware. Calculate the long-term usage costs, especially since data can be expensive. Look for an unlimited data plan that is truly unlimited and prevents the possibility of a whopper of a bill from watching YouTube, checking email and downloading hot, new apps every month.

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## THE BEST (AND MOST INEXPENSIVE) GIFT OF ALL

If budget or circumstance means you won't get home for the holidays this year, don't despair. Celebrating with faraway friends and family is getting easier and more affordable thanks to advances in Canada's mobile phone market, says Anthony Booth, chief customer officer at Mobilicity, an unlimited wireless carrier.

"Canadians are finally starting to enjoy lower wireless rates with unlimited plans that include free long distance across Canada and the U.S.," he explained. "Now, calling relatives located thousands of kilometres away can be as affordable as calling people in the same city from your mobile phone."

Long-distance calling aside, Booth says there are many other ways to inexpensively stay connected to everyone over the holidays using a smartphone.

### STAY CONNECTED

Send quick holiday greetings, updates and photos via Twitter or BlackBerry Messenger (BBM). If you don't have a data plan or would rather text, go with a carrier like Mobilicity that offers free global texting.

### VIDEO GREETINGS

Use your smartphone with a front-facing camera, like the HTC Panache, to film a video holiday card as an alternative to a traditional greeting card. Simply upload to a private link on YouTube and email your loved ones the link. Prefer talking in real-time? Some carriers offer affordable global long distance rates that rival calling card rates.

### ONLINE CALLING

Internet-based calling apps like Skype will let you talk to your heart,s content without the worry of a costly bill.

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# Best gifts come from the heart

HEATHER BUCHAN
FOR METRO

Yes, it's the season of giving, but that doesn't mean you have to overspend at Christmas.

Here are some quick tips for ways to enjoy the holidays without feeling the burden of spending. It's a reminder to us all that some of the greatest gifts come from the heart.

## Wrapping paper

- **A lot of money** goes into wrapping paper during the holidays, which quickly ends up in the garbage, so wrap gifts with pages torn from magazines or newspapers. Not only is this an excellent way to save money, but it also helps the environment by saving trees.

### Making edible gifts

Making edible gifts is a great way to save money. Whether it's shortbread cookies, brownies, jam, homemade granola, cake or syrup, the confectionary options are endless, as are the ways in which to package your culinary creation.

### The gift of time

Giving the gift of time is a meaningful way to show just how much you care.

Whether it's giving a relative a handmade gift certificate to be redeemed throughout the year for a special home-cooked dinner, a foot massage, a night out while you watch the kids, or a house clean, this type of gift can, many times, be much more appreciated than buying them an object.

Giving time to the community also gets children to think beyond themselves during the holidays. This could involve volunteering as a family at a local charity or shelter or dedicating an afternoon to helping out at a food bank or serving a meal at a drop-in centre.

### Inexpensive family activities

There are numerous ways to enjoy time with family and friends leading up to and during the holidays without spending a ton.

• Buy a gingerbread house kit at the supermarket ($10 to $15) and devote an evening to making it together.

• Dedicate a weekend afternoon to making Christmas tree ornaments to adorn your tree. Not only is this valuable family time, but it's a creative outlet for all members of the family and, best of all, handmade ornaments are meaningful for holidays to come. Most of the materials can be bought at art supply stores or dollar stores.

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Manhattan Toy Whoozit Learn & Play Folding Activity Cube, $29.95.

# Toy around with these gift ideas

HEATHER BUCHAN
FOR METRO

We have rounded up a few of the coolest new toys that are sure to top wish lists this Christmas.

## Infants (0-12 months)

### Manhattan Toy Whoozit Learn & Play Folding Activity Cube ($29.95)

This cube unfolds to reveal five activities featuring contrasting colours and movable parts that stimulate and engage baby's senses. Available at Mastermind Toys (mastermindtoys.com).

Furreal Friends My Playful Pup Cookie, $64.99, left, and LeapFrog Leapster Explorer, Green Edition, $79.99 below.

### Fisher-Price Laugh & Learn Apptivity Case ($18)

This durable rubber iPhone or iTouch case, complete with easy-grasp handles, lets baby enjoy their own apps on your device while a clear film protects your screen. Even without anything inside, the case still entertains baby thanks to rattle beads on the handles and a mirror on the back. Available at Toys "R" Us (toysrus.ca).

## Toddlers (12-36 months)

### VTech Catch-Me-Kitty ($20)

This cute kitten scoots around, encouraging toddlers to chase it, which stimulates visual awareness and interaction. When the child approaches, a sensor on the cat reacts with sounds and motion. A wagging tail, light-up nose and three numbered shape buttons help develop motor skills. Available at Mastermind Toys (mastermindtoys.com).

### Radio Flyer Classic Tiny Trike, $69.95

With a padded seat, durable moulded wheels with grip tread and a wide wheel base for stability and safety, this trike offers a smooth ride for beginners complete with red streamers and a bell. Available at chapters.indigo.ca (free shipping).

Sesame Street Playskool Let's Rock! Elmo, $79.99.

## Preschoolers (3-5 years)

### Sesame Street Playskool Let's Rock! Elmo ($79.99)

Dressed in a concert-style tee, singing Elmo comes with a tambourine and drum set that he plays. He even interacts with other Let's Rock instruments (sold separately). Available at Zellers (zellers.com).

### Furreal Friends My Playful Pup Cookie ($64.99)

This pup is as real as they come and a great gift for the preschooler begging for a dog. She barks and wags her tail when she is pet, turns her head when her cheek is scratched and babbles away when spoken to. She will also crunch away on her toy bone when it's put in her mouth. Available at Toys "R" Us (toysrus.ca).

Fisher-Price Laugh & Learn Apptivity Case, $18.

## Kids (6-8 years)

### LeapFrog Leapster Explorer Learning Game System, Green Edition ($79.99)

With hi-res graphics, a stylus to practise writing and a powerful processor that has the ability to download games, e-books, videos and more through LeapFrog's online Leaplet store, this next generation Leapster delivers it all (comes in both English and French versions). Available at Toys "R" Us (toysrus.ca).

### Sno-Paint Sno-Crayon Assorted ($5.95 each)

Kids can create their very own works of art in the snow this winter with these Sno-Crayons. Each crayon comes with a matching packet of Sno-paint solution. Just flip the crayon lid, fill the crayon with warm water and solution and then squeeze onto the snow. Available at Mastermind Toys (mastermindtoys.com).

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# Tax protest as performance art

## Dissident Chinese artist trying to expose opaque system Says he worries about his child, mother

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▶ Ai Weiwei

Dissident artist Ai Weiwei's latest provocative piece was handed to him by the Chinese government: a $2.4 million tax bill that he says is a trumped-up effort to silence him.

Though jarred after spending nearly three months in police detention this year, he turned the demand into performance art — posting official documents online, tallying loans from supporters and making a video of himself singing an anti-censorship song.

It opened a window on an opaque system, and showed that many in China share his desire for government accountability. Supporters donated more than $1.3 million (about 8.5 million yuan) to him in just two weeks, some of it folded into paper airplanes or wrapped around fruit and thrown over his gate.

To Weiwei, who has created installations around the world but had been able to show little of his work domestically, it is all art — right down to the scathing commentaries against him in the official Global Times newspaper. State media normally decline to acknowledge his existence.

"This has become a social performance and there are so many people involved. Even the Global Times. They are also playing a role in this," Ai said. "This has generated such energy which has never happened in the history of China. If they want to crush somebody, then normally, for that person, what's left there is just silence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Slum.** Fire

▶ A Bangladeshi rickshaw puller, left, who lost his home and all his belongings, reacts as a fireman sprays water after a devastating fire at a slum at Mohammadpur in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Thursday.

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## Devastation in Bangladesh

**At least 2,000 people in Bangladesh, mostly garment workers and rickshaw pullers, lost their homes in a fire.**

## Mexico reaches out to Canadian tourists

After a spate of tourist tragedies that have left some Canadians wary of travelling to Mexico's sun-kissed beaches, tourism officials in that country are reaching out with an offensive aimed at convincing travellers the destination is much safer than headlines suggest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Family of fallen soldier testifies

**Military reservist's kin open up about loss, agony at hearing Former friend who killed soldier found guilty**

George Megeney regrets a talk he had with his nephew before the young reservist departed for Afghanistan and his subsequent death at the hands of a fellow Canadian soldier.

The uncle was one of several members of Cpl. Kevin Megeney's family to testify on how the shooting of the Nova Scotia reservist by a friend and colleague in 2007 has affected them.

Their statements came one day after a military judge found Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., guilty of criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty.

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▶ Cpl. Matthew Wilcox

Wilcox told the court martial that he fired his weapon in self-defence as he reacted to what he thought was a threat inside a tent at Kandahar Airfield on March 6, 2007.

Megeney, 25, of Stellarton, N.S., was hit in the chest and died.

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**"The last conversation I had I gave him advice: 'When you go to Afghanistan, put your trust in commanders and fellow soldiers.' ... That conversation has haunted me."**

**GEORGE MEGENEY, VICTIM'S UNCLE**

**Rocket.** Attacks

▶ An man stands at the scene where a rocket landed in Kabul on Thursday.

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## Afghan elders targeted

**Insurgents fired two rockets Thursday toward a site where more than 2,000 Afghan elders are attending a national assembly to discuss the future of U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, officials said.**

## Bomb suspect denies terror links

The accused ringleader of a terror plot in Norway has rejected charges that he conspired with al-Qaida to attack a Danish newspaper, saying he was planning a solo raid against the Chinese Embassy in Oslo.

Mikael Davud, a Chinese Muslim, told the Oslo district court Thursday that his two alleged accomplices helped him acquire bomb-making ingredients but didn't know he was planning an attack.

"It was my own plan. I was going to attack the Chinese Embassy and I didn't want to involve the others," he told the court.

The trio was arrested in July 2010 in a plot that investigators have linked to the same al-Qaida planners behind other thwarted attacks.

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**Deadly.** Storms

▶ Gas pumps at a Citgo Mart on US 64 are destroyed Thursday in Davidson County, N.C.

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## Five dead as tornadoes hit U.S.

**At least five people were killed and dozens injured when a storm system spawning several possible tornadoes moved across the U.S. Southeast. Dozens of homes and buildings were damaged, and thousands of people were without power as trees and power lines were downed.**

# Man charged with trying to kill Obama

AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama arrives at Denpasar International Airport to attend the ASEAN and East Asia Summit in Denpasar, on the island of Bali, Indonesia, Thursday.

An Idaho man accused of firing an assault rifle at the White House was charged Thursday with attempting to assassinate President Barack Obama or his staff, and prosecutors say he called Obama "the devil" and said he needed to be killed.

Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez, of Idaho Falls, made his first court appearance before a federal magistrate in Pittsburgh on Thursday, one day after he was arrested at a western Pennsylvania hotel.

According to a court document released after the hearing, authorities recovered nine spent shell casings from Ortega's car, which was abandoned near the White House.

A person who knows him subsequently told investigators that he had become increasingly agitated with the federal government and was convinced it was conspiring against him, the document said. Others told investigators that Ortega had said Obama was "the anti-Christ" and the "devil." Ortega also reportedly said he "needed to kill" the president.

If convicted, Ortega faces up to life in prison.

He will be taken back from a federal court in Pittsburgh to face the charges in Washington, D.C. and will remain in federal custody at least until a magistrate in Washington can determine if he should remain jailed until his trial on the charge.

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# MP not sorry for profane tweets

**Controversy has resulted in more exposure for NDP's Martin Followers on Twitter jump to 3,000**

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▶ NDP MP Pat Martin

Longtime New Democrat MP Pat Martin says he's not sorry for unleashing a string of profanity on the social media site Twitter.

Martin dropped a few F- and S-bombs Wednesday night after the Conservative government shut down debate on a budget bill.

"This is a (expletive) disgrace ... closure again. And on the Budget," Martin tweeted.

"There's not a democracy in the world that would tolerate this jackboot (expletive)."

The comments set off a stir in the Twitterverse after they were retweeted by some of Martin's 1,600 followers.

One fellow Twitter user called Martin a "foul-mouth socialist." "(Expletive) you," was Martin's blunt retort. When another Twitter user criticized him, Martin replied with "eat my shorts."

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**Party support**

- Interim NDP Leader Nycole Turmel appeared to defend Martin's actions.
- "His language was not appropriate and could have been offensive to some," Turmel said in a written statement.

## RCMP wants fake Twitter account shut

Mounties in Saskatchewan want to shut down a fake Twitter handle that someone is using in their name.

Sgt. Paul Dawson, media relations officer for Saskatchewan, said it was a surprise when reporters asked if @SaskRCMP is official. But he doesn't believe there will be much confusion about the fake account. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Hostage-taker apologizes to victims

A man who took hostages at gunpoint at a Workers' Compensation Board building in Edmonton has apologized to his victims.

Patrick Clayton wiped away tears as he told his sentencing hearing his actions were a cry for help.

He said he was a "political prisoner of corporate bullying." He also said some people called him a hero. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Woman charged with bid to kill baby

Meredith Katharine Borowiec has been charged with the attempted murder of a newborn baby last fall.

The baby's father was on his way home in October 2010 when he heard crying and found the infant in a garbage bag.

Police and EMS workers were called and the baby was taken to hospital.

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# Nude pics cause furor in Egypt

## Outrage over blog post cuts across political spectrum

A woman activist who posted nude pictures of herself on her blog to protest limits on free expression has triggered an uproar in Egypt, drawing condemnations from conservatives and liberals alike.

Some liberals feared that the posting by 20-year-old university student Aliaa Magda Elmahdy would taint them in the eyes of deeply conservative Egyptians ahead of Nov. 28 parliamentary elections in which they are trying to compete with fundamentalist Islamic parties.

Nudity is strongly frowned upon in Egyptian society, even as an art form. Elmahdy's posting is almost unheard of in a country where most women in the Muslim majority wear a headscarf and even those who don't rarely wear clothes exposing their arms or legs in public.

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**The blog has received 1.5 million hits since the photos were posted earlier this week.**

Elmahdy wrote on her blog that the photographs — which show her standing wearing only stockings — are "screams against a society of violence, racism, sexism, sexual harassment and hypocrisy."

The posting comes at a time when Egypt, a nation of some 85-million people, is polarized between Islamists and liberals ahead of the elections, the first since the February ouster of former President Hosni Mubarak. Members of the most hardline Islamic movement in Egypt, the Salafis, have warned voters that liberals will corrupt Egypt's morals.

"This hurts the entire secular current in front of those calling themselves the people of virtue," Sayyed el-Qimni, a prominent self-described secular figure, said referring to Islamists. "It's is a double disaster. Because I am liberal and I believe in the right of personal freedom, I can't interfere," el-Qimni said Wednesday on television.

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▶ Dorit Korenblum, left, her brother Refael Korenblum, and sister Bracha Fleishman-Korenblum, right, pose with their cousin Gennadiy Koramblyum.

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On Thursday, more than a decade after they died, their children were united at Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial thanks to a photo discovered on its online database.

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## Gay activist denounces Russian bill

Russia's top gay-rights activist on Thursday condemned a bill passed in the country's second-largest city that prohibits "propaganda of homosexuality" to minors, warning it could be used to ban gay protest rallies.

Nikolai Alexeyev of the GayRussia.ru group described the legislation tentatively approved by lawmakers in St. Petersburg as a "disgrace."

The bill was proposed by the dominant United Russia party and passed Wednesday by a 27 to 1 vote, with one abstention.

It calls for a fine of up to $1,600 for "public actions aimed at propaganda of pederasty, lesbianism, bisexuality and transgenderism among minors." Alexeyev said the bill could become "the main legal reason to deny any public actions by the LGBT community."

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# No 'Freedom 55' for Canadians: Royal Bank

More than one in three Canadians expect they'll be carrying mortgage debt long after they turn 65, according to Royal Bank's latest housing survey.

The report found that one-third of Canadians who are 55 or older have at least 16 years left on their mortgage term.

The majority of survey respondents, 57 per cent, said they expect to have mortgages after the age of 55, with nearly one-third expecting to carry debt after age 65.

Three-quarters of Canadians surveyed for the poll released Thursday said they want to be mortgage-free by age 65.

Concerns about post-retirement debt have been growing since the 2008-09 recession, when many Canadians saw the value of their savings drop — at least temporarily — due to big losses on equity markets.

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# U.S. workers expect to stay on job longer: Study

Workers are growing to accept the idea that they may be working long after they've become eligible for senior discounts. Yet rather than fixate on their target retirement age, they're increasingly focused on how much money they'll need to retire, according to a new U.S. survey by Wells Fargo & Co.

One of the striking results of the survey released Wednesday is that 25 per cent of the respondents said they'll need to work until at least age 80 because they will not have enough money to retire comfortably.

Even those who plan on retiring expect they may continue working for various reasons: About 39 per cent said they will need to work to afford things they want or to maintain their lifestyle, while another 35 per cent say they'll work because they want to.

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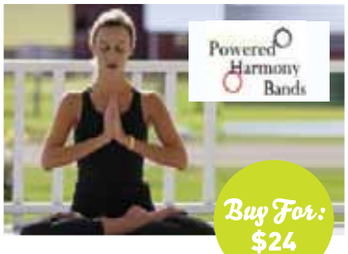


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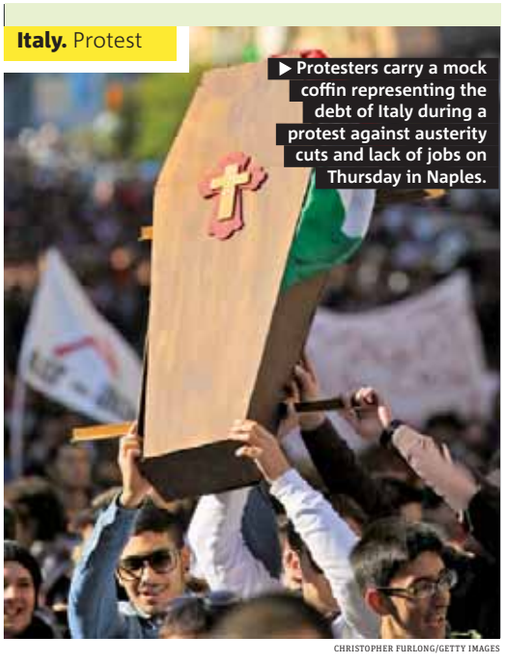

▶ Protesters carry a mock coffin representing the debt of Italy during a protest against austerity cuts and lack of jobs on Thursday in Naples.

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## Debt discontent in Naples

**Thousands of students took to the streets of Naples to protest against the lack of opportunity for future employment and impending austerity cuts by Italy's new prime minister, Mario Monti, and his recently appointed cabinet.**

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# Japan bans irradiated rice shipments

## Fukushima had said last month that rice grown in the area was safe

Japan has banned shipments of rice grown near a tsunami-hit nuclear power plant for the first time after detecting radiation exceeding the legal limit.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura said Thursday that a sample of rice from a farm contained 630 becquerels of cesium per kilogram.

Cesium is among the radioactive materials that leaked from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant after it was damaged by a March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated the area.

Under Japanese regulations, rice with more than 500 becquerels of cesium per kilogram is not allowed to be consumed. None of the hundreds of spots tested in Fukushima had previously exceeded the limit.

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▶ A deserted field and buildings inside the contaminated exclusion zone around the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station near Okuma, Japan.

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# CANADA SHORT ON DRUGS, NBA SHORT ON GAMES

## THE METRO LIST

MIKE BENHAIM
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**1 Adult education.** U.S. Prez Barack Obama raised eyebrows at the APEC summit in Hawaii with his comments regarding China's economic responsibility. Obama stated that now that they're a full-grown economic power, it is time to "Act like a grownup." China's delegates responded by saying, "I know you are, but what am I?"

**2 Stick it to da man!** An Ontario man drove his car through the front doors of Waterloo Regional Police headquarters last Sunday. Police believe it was deliberate because, instead of stopping, he continued driving around the reception desk before crashing into a vending machine. No one was hurt, but the man's Twix bar did remain lodged on the coil dispenser, and his change was never returned. That is frustrating.

**3 Where my drugs at?** Apparently Canada is experiencing some dubious medication shortages. Health Canada says their only concern is drug safety, while distribution is left to the pharmaceutical companies. The reason for the shortage is unknown as is the extent and impact because our government does not collect such data. To be fair though, the shortage will not affect the majority of Canadians. It's really just the sick people.

**4 Hands off.** Brief note in case of ambiguity: Showering with your 11-year-old son at the gym — fine. Showering with someone else's 11-year-old son — NOT FINE! Any questions, Penn State?

**5 Smooth Criminal.** Last week, Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter for negligence believed to have caused the singer's death in 2009. He faces up to four years in prison while Michael's plastic surgeons get off scot-free.

**6 Too much too soon.** Seventeen-year-old Justin Bieber recently dished out 100,000 pounds on a new Range Rover with a custom sound system worth 50,000 pounds. This is just one of many for Justin, including a Batman-themed Cadillac and a Ferrari, which he recently smashed. When I was 17, my parents grounded me for a fender-bender in my mom's 1978 Monte Carlo. Just saying.

**7 In yo' face.** Just when we thought they were close to an agreement, the NBA lockout hit an impasse this week. With a shortened season looming, millionaires on both sides could not arrive at an answer to the question "How many millions is too many millions?" The likely answer now is "No millions at all."

**8 Sweet Jesus.** Canadian comic Russell Peters will perform a nativity sketch in his Christmas special, which airs on CTV and The Comedy Network in December. He has chosen Pamela Anderson to play the Virgin Mary, which is funny because it marks the first time her name and the word "virgin" have ever appeared next to each other in the same sentence.

**9 A sad farewell.** Canadian comic Stewart Silver passed away suddenly at age 44 this week. A national Yuk Yuk's mainstay for the past two decades, fellow Montrealer, dear friend and all-around good guy will be sorely missed. On behalf of the entire comedic community, I offer our condolences to his family. We thank you for the laughs. R.I.P.

*More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat*

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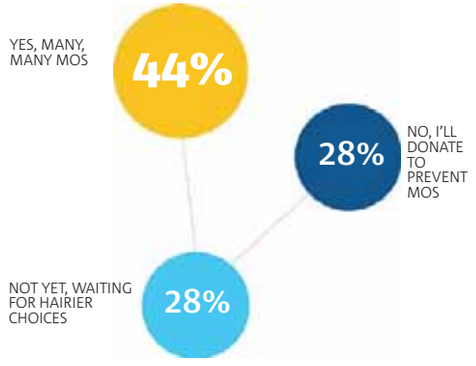


## Local tweets

- **@sportsnetmurph:** AV-Mason Raymond is coming along real well. Strength test were good and he's been cleared for contact.
- **@houseopaul:** Occupy Vancouver took over Royal Bank bldg while average income earners loss money waiting. Power brokers on yachts a few blks north fool.
- **@Atrina_:** Dear occupy Vancouver, I just want to eat my lunch. My hot & sour soup is no longer hot. :(
- **@miss_katerzz:** Can't go back inside work cuz of the occupy vancouver protesters!
- **@JaninaBarnett:** Occupy Vancouver is outside of rbc; what I thought was funny was one protester holding a sign was wearing a Lulu lemon hoodie
- **@AppleJuze:** Argh can't get a desperately needed Starbucks. Elevators shut down. Occupy Vancouver storming the building #needcaffeinebro
- **@vanguy:** BC Lions lead the season series with the Edmonton Eskimos 3 games to 1 and can clinch the best-of-7 with a win Sunday. #CFL

## Letters

Prevention and rehabilitation, education and jobs, and general economic and social equality have contributed to a drop in crime in Canada over the last several decades.

Any way you look at it, crime in Canada is dropping, maybe not enough, maybe not everywhere, but it is still dropping. But Steven Harper and the Conservatives don't seem to be able to read scientific reports and in any event would like to reverse this nasty trend. And while the Harper government does not possess a vision of Canada (all successful good governments do), they do want a more expensive Canada: one with more crime, more criminals, more prisons and less of everything that has been contributing to a drop in the crime rate — including jobs.

The Harper government, if they really are keen on saving taxpayer dollars and being tough on crime, need to listen to Texans who have already made this socially and economically and politically costly mistake.

JASON MABBOTT
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## photo of the day

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▶ This photo titled Yanomi was submitted to the Moments of my Life category by Reed from Winnipeg.

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WEIRD NEWS

## Flight almost gets flushed

A jammed lock on an airplane bathroom door caused anxious moments for the pilots aboard a flight from North Carolina to New York City.

The captain told air traffic controllers he accidentally got stuck on the LaGuardia Airport-bound Chautauqua Airlines flight from Asheville on Wednesday night.

When a passenger with an unfamiliar accent tried to alert the co-pilot in the cockpit, the co-pilot became alarmed and notified air traffic controllers, according to a recording of the radio exchange from the website LiveATC.net.

"The captain has disappeared in the back and I have someone with a thick foreign accent trying to access the cockpit right now, and I've got to deal with this situation," the co-pilot says.

A controller tells him to consider declaring an emergency.

The captain eventually got himself free from the lavatory. He told controllers there was no threat.

"The captain — myself — went back to the lavatory and the door latched ... and had to fight my way out of it with my body to get the door open," the captain says. "There is no issue, no threat."

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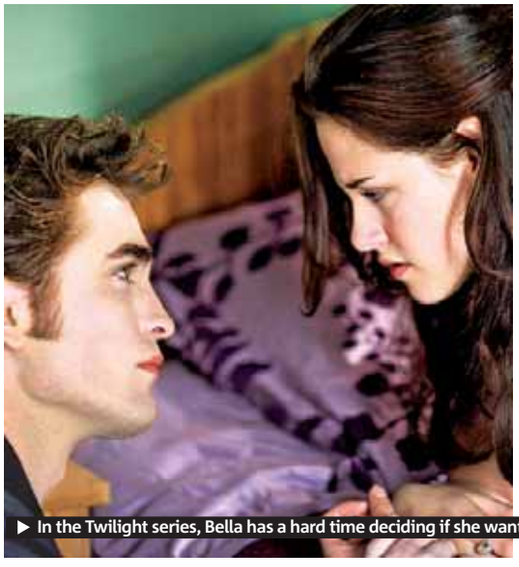
## Synopsis

- **Team Werewolf:** Need some convincing to get hairy with Richard? Ginger Snaps and Dog Soldiers expand on the werewolf story. The Howling and An American Werewolf in London both contain Reagan-era thrills. And, of course, no lycanthropic list would be complete without The Wolf Man.
- **Team Vampire:** Looking for a good vampire flick to sink your teeth into? Coppola's Bram Stoker's Dracula has thrills and atmosphere. But a more unusual choice would have to be Shadow of the Vampire, one creepy flick. For over-the-top wild fun, nothing beats Nic Cage as a reluctant vampire in Vampire's Kiss.



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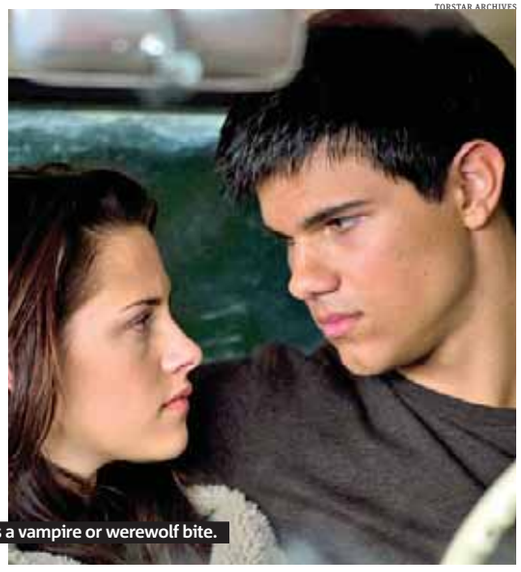

▶ In the Twilight series, Bella has a hard time deciding if she wants a vampire or werewolf bite.

# A 'biting' battle

## Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin pick supernatural sides in an age-old battle

**Reel Guys**
**RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN**
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**Richard:** Mark, on the occasion of the release of Breaking Dawn, the next-to-last in the Twilight saga, it's time we finally debated the burning question on the lips of every Twihard — who would win in a fair fight between a vampire and werewolf? I'm on Team Werewolf for this one. Big fangs coupled with hot-blooded animal instincts trumps the oversized molars of the nocturnal undead any day (or night for that matter).

**Mark:** Fighting each other, Richard, you might have a point. But in a fight against humans, I have to say I'm a vampire man. You can spot a werewolf a mile away, enough time to run for cover. But vampires can be undetectable, until it's too late. They can seem perfectly normal until they open their mouths, kind of like members of the Tea Party. It really comes down to the relative dangers of brute force versus seduction, doesn't it?

**RC:** Perhaps so. Bella, the vampire groupie of Twilight, certainly finds the blood-suckers irresistible, but I'd suggest Jack Nicholson, as the hirsute gentleman in Wolf, is much more of a charmer than the vampires of Near Dark. They don't seduce as much as manipulate, taunt and slaughter their victims in the nastiest of ways.

**MB:** The vampires in Near Dark should be thrown out of the Vampire Union! But if you're using Jack Nicholson as an example of the urbane, more mature werewolf, let me submit Frank Langella in Dracula and George Hamilton in Love at First Bite as vampiric counterparts. The sadder but wiser vampire for me! But really, Richard, who would you rather meet in a dark alley? Kate Beckinsale or Benicio Del Toro? Case ... closed ... I think.

**RC:** Hmmm... I'll take Kate, but remember Underworld? She played a beautiful vampire but who was she in love with? A werewolf. I rest my case. In the battleground of love chalk one up for the werewolves. To answer our original question I checked with the authority — the internet — and found this: "In a fair fight (no weapons) a werewolf will destroy a vampire in a few seconds (unless the vampire is smart and tries to run away)." I rest my case.

**MB:** Ahh, but the vampire is nothing if not smart — way smarter than the werewolf — smart enough not to engage in a fight that he cannot win. But I'll concede to you on this one. I'll be in the corner ... sulking ... with Kate Beckinsale to give me solace.

2 scene

## Scene in brief

Ricky Gervais is returning as host of the Golden Globes. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced through Twitter that Gervais will take his third turn as Globes host in January. Gervais left some wondering if he'd be back after his performance at this year's show, when he took pointed jabs at Hollywood stars and the HFPA.
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Woody Allen revealed: Documentary illuminates the elusive genius

**Movie reviews** See it twice ⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ | See it now ⊕⊕⊕⊕ | Worth watching ⊕⊕⊕ | Yawn ⊕⊕ | Don't bother ⊕

**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1**
**Genre:** Drama
**Director:** Bill Condon
**Stars:** Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner
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Lurching toward the conclusion of the Twilight series, the first half of Breaking Dawn hits screens with a resounding thud, committing a sin the previous films had at least managed to avoid, despite their faults: The new film is incredibly boring. The events of the film's first hour — planning the wedding, going through with the wedding, going on a honeymoon and Bella getting knocked up — could've taken 15 minutes in the hands of filmmakers less concerned with overindulging the series, diehard fans. But then, maybe they were right to do it this way, as there's clearly no other possible audience for this than Twihards who have already drunk the Kool-Aid.

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**Happy Feet Two**
**Genre:** Animation
**Director:** George Miller
**Stars:** Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Pink
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The original Happy Feet and its sequel don't look or feel like other movies for kids. Director George "Mad Max" Miller is a maximalist director who opens up the usual kid flick palette with swooping cameras, wide-open vistas and beautifully effective 3D. Featuring a cast of thousands — animated penguins as far as the eye can see and "krillions" of krill — Happy Feet Two is made on a scale that would make Cecil B. DeMille proud.

It's also a step above most kid's movies. Joyful and beautiful to look at, it has more to say about life, love and the pursuit of happiness than most movies aimed at adults.

RICHARD CROUSE

**Melancholia**
**Genre:** Drama/Sci-Fi
**Director:** Lars Von Trier
**Stars:** Kirsten Dunst, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Kiefer Sutherland
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Lars Von Trier's last film, Antichrist, charted the sexual psychotic de-evolution of a mother crushed by grief. It was a horror film, full of nightmarish and revolting imagery but also beauty, poignancy and purpose. His follow-up, Melancholia, is the sci-fi equivalent, yet another of the director's long list of movies about troubled women, except this time, graphic violence is traded for an aching sadness and visual splendor.

Kristen Dunst does her finest work as a girl whose clinical depression causes self destruction while the titular rogue planet threatens to cause the same annihilation to Earth.

Full of metaphor, allegory, rich performances and dark humour, this is LvT at his most refined and it also offers another brilliant turn from his Antichrist anti-heroine Charlotte Gainsbourg as Dunst's long suffering sister. A masterpiece.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

**A Matter of Taste: Serving up Paul Liebrandt**
**Genre:** Documentary
**Director:** Sally Rowe
**Stars:** Michelle Micale
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There's nothing in this profile of the titular New York City chef that other kitchen-set do-cumentaries haven't done before, but there's still pleasure in watching a brilliant talent do his thing. If Liebrandt's reputation rests on his unconventional epicureanism, it doesn't make him the most unique documentary subject: he's a perfectionist, surprise surprise.

Still, the dishes he prepares are incre-dibly photogenic, and Rowe's camera captures them in loving, succulent close-up.

ADAM NAYMAN

**Buck**
**Genre:** Documentary
**Director:** Cindy Meehl
**Stars:** Buck Brannaman, Robert Redford
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Aside from a thrilling late sequence in which its subject tries to tame an especially wild equine, Cindy Meehl's Buck is mostly boring stuff: a portrait of a real-life "horse whisperer" given to whispering platitudes about the relationship between men and horses. Buck Brannaman may be a kind, interesting and talented man, but he's also rather dull.

ADAM NAYMAN

**Like Crazy**
**Genre:** Drama
**Director:** Drake Doremus
**Stars:** Anton Yelchin, Felicity Jones
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The immigration department gets in the way of an affair between an L.A. furniture maker and a British student due to head home when her visa expires. She doesn't, and opens up a world of hurt for them. While their enforced separation is bittersweet, and filled with longing, reality socks them into anxious reality.

They begin the legal process and a new enemy arises — time. Can love stand the test?

Heart-wrenching, often improvised performances make these spoiled kids relatable, and we viscerally feel their emotional pain.

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## Meeting Kermit

When The Muppets iconic star Kermit The Frog came to Toronto a few weeks ago for a media press conference hosted by Metro's own Richard Crouse, this scribe brought his four-year-old son Jack out to meet him. Sitting attentively in the front row amidst a sea of print, radio and TV elite, Jack — who had just come from a press screening of the film — listened and watched wide eyed as Kermit fielded reporters' questions and engaged in all manner of witty banter. When Crouse called an end to the event, Jack moved closer, offering Kermit a picture he drew and hoping to shake the Frog's fuzzy hand. Kermit obliged, of course, carefully saddling up beside the understandably starstruck lad, posing for a photo and a hug. It was the kind of moment a child — and a film loving parent — only dream of experiencing and if the look on Jack's face and the excited stories he now relates daily about that moment are any indication, the over four-decades-old Muppets franchise still has massive magic.

CHRIS ALEXANDER/METRO NEWS

# Segel gets his puppet on

**Muppet master Jason Segel helps Kermit and friends put on a show to remind the world about the Muppets**

The man who had his own masturbation station in the laugh out loud bromance I Love You, Man, may seem like the least likely candidate to revive a legendary children's entertainment franchise, but that's exactly what charming multi-hyphenate actor/writer Jason Segel did with his latest picture, The Muppets.

Segel (who also wrote and starred in Forgetting Sarah Marshall, as well as serving as one of the leads on the smash hit sitcom How I Met Your Mother) penned the screenplay and stars as Gary, happy go lucky brother to melancholy muppet Walter, a felt-skinned kid who is obsessed with the late, lamented variety series The Muppet Show. When the siblings — along with Gary's fiancée Mary (Amy Adams) venture to Hollywood to find Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie et al, they pal around with a legion of Henson heroes, run afoul of an evil oil baron and spearhead a comeback show.

It's all rather marvelous, heartfelt fun.

"When I started this project," said Segel in Toronto recently to promote the film, "I made it mandatory that we had to acknowledge that the Muppets aren't as famous anymore. And I'll be honest, there was some controversy, there was some ego involved there, but it was important. But it became the core of the film, that the Muppets have to put on a show to remind the world about them."

Over 270 Muppets make it onto the screen, including such obscure characters as the diabolical Uncle Deadly and the massive Sweetums.

In fact the only Muppet created for the film is Walter, our entry point into the film. Originally, however, Walter was designed to be a very different character.

"In my early drafts Walter was a puppet, my ventriloquist dummy and the secret is that he's actually alive," admits Segel.

"But when the puppeteers got involved in the process, they said you never acknowledge that these character are puppets, ever. So instead, we made him my brother…and we never acknowledge it!"

The Muppets is ideal family fare, with enough antics and tunes to please the kids and plenty of humour to please the parents. In other words, it's a classic Muppets outing in every sense.

"It was all about balancing levels of nostalgia … and about making sure people just have a great time at the movies," says Segel.

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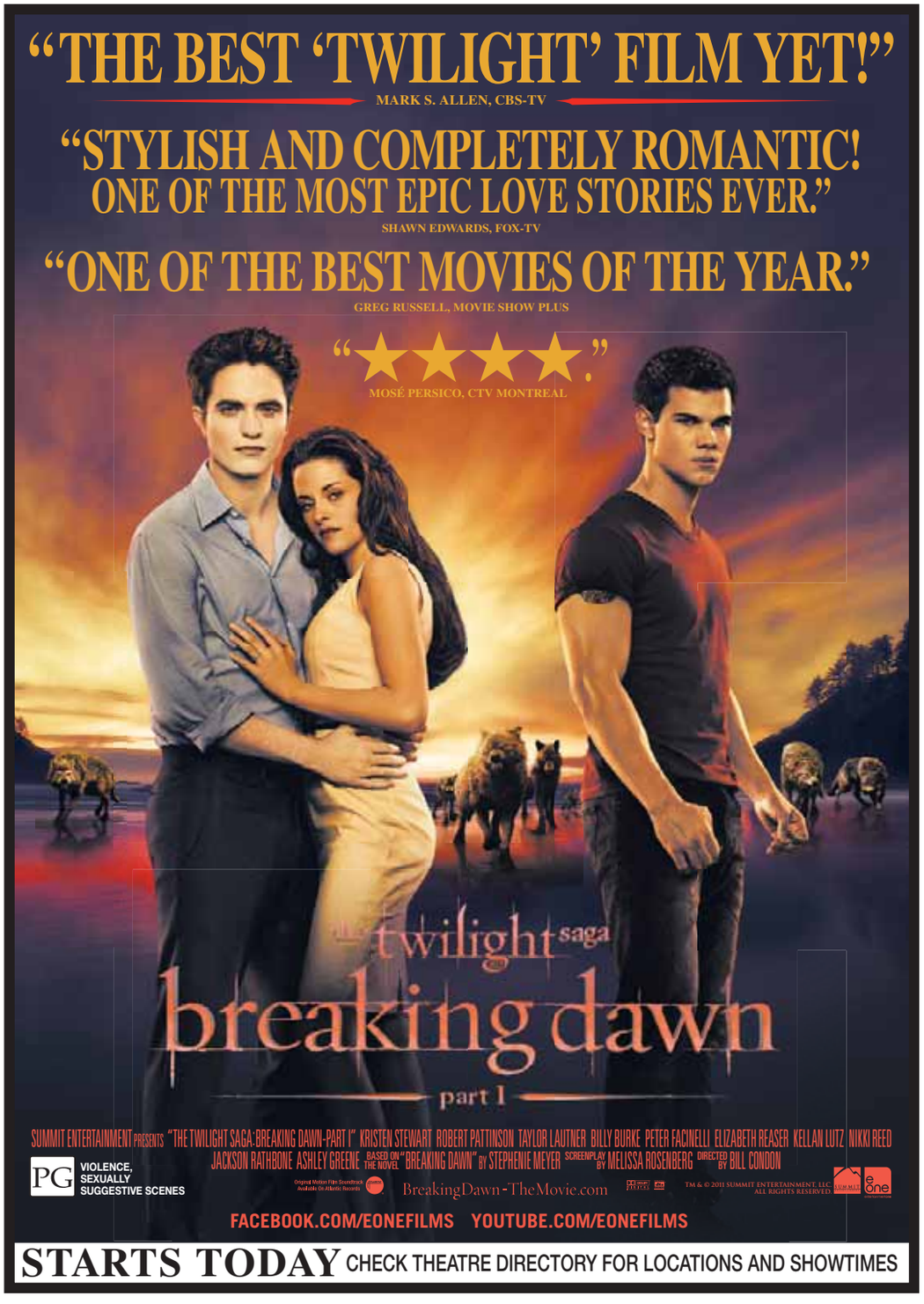
▶ Jason Segel says that the new Muppets movie is all about making sure people have a great time at the movies.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# VANCOUVER

### OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

**Dinosaurs Alive!** (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-2-4 Mon-Thu 12-2
**Hubble** (STC) Fri-Thu 11-1

### DENMAN CINEMAS
1779 Comox, 604-558-3456

**Circumstance** (PG) Fri-Thu 9
**Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG) Fri-Sat 4:30 Sun 2:15 Mon-Thu 4:30
**Midnight in Paris** (G) Fri-Sat 2:30 Mon-Thu 2:30
**Real Steel** (PG) Fri-Thu 12
**The Women on the 6th Floor** (G) Fri-Thu 7

### DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:15-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

### FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

**The Ides of March** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:10
**Like Crazy** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:20
**Margin Call** (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:10-9:30
**Martha Marcy May Marlene** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:7:30-9:40 Wed 1:15-4:9:40 Thu 1:15-4:7:30-9:40
**The Skin I Live In** (18A) Fri-Sun 1-3:45-6:50-9:25 Mon 1-3:45-9:25 Tue-Thu 1-3:45-6:50-9:25

### GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

**Anonymous** (PG) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 4:15-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
**Contagion** (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:20-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:20
**The Help** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:15
**Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 4:05-6:30 Mon-Thu 5:25
**Paranormal Activity 3** (14A) Fri 6:35-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:25-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:10
**Take Shelter** (PG) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat 4:10-6:40-9:15 Sun 9:15 Mon-Wed 5:35-8:35
**The Thing** (18A) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon-Thu 8:25
**The Whale** (STC) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:30-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:40
**WWE Survivor Series - 2011** (STC) Sun 5

### OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

**Puss in Boots** (G) Digital Presentation, DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri 6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:30-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50
**Tower Heist** (PG) Digital Presentation, Fri 7:15-9:35 Digital Presentation, Sat-Sun 1-4:7:15-9:35 Digital Presentation, Mon-Thu 5-8:10
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG), Fri 7-9:55, Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7-9:55, Mon-Thu 5:10-8

### PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

**Everyday Sunshine: The Story of Fishbone** (STC) Fri 7 Sat 8:45 Sun 7 Thu 8:45
**The Road Ended at the Beach and Other Legends** (STC) Mon 7:30
**Superheroes** (STC) Fri 9:20 Sat 7 Sun 9 Thu 7
**Waiting for Godot** (STC) Wed 7
**Watership Down** (STC) Sun 1

### PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri 1-4:7-9:45 Sat 4:7-9:45 Sun-Thu 1-4:7-9:45
**Satyagraha** (STC) A.M. Sat 10

### RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

**Anonymous** (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat 1:15 Sun-Thu 6:50
**The Rum Diary** (PG) Fri 4-9:25 Sat 4 Sun-Thu 4-9:25
**Vancouver Jewish Film Festival** (STC) Fri-Sun

### RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

**Buffy the Vampire Slayer** (STC) Fri 12
**Helvetica** (STC) Sun 7
**The Ides of March** (14A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat 4:30-7-9:15 Tue 7-9:15
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Wed
**Objectified** (STC) Sun 9
**Thrive** (STC) Sun 4
**The Truth Is Out There** (STC) Thu
**Urbanized** (STC) Mon 7

### SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

**Hugo 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 1-4:7-10
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:10-5:7:50-10:40 Mon 2-5:7:35-10:20 Tue-Thu 2-4:45-7:35-10:30
**In Time** (PG) Fri-Sat 2-4:40-7:30-10:10 Sun 4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon 1:05-3:45-10:40 Tue 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:10
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:40-6:8-8:20-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:40-6:8:20-10:40
**The Metropolitan Opera: Anna Bolena - Encore** (STC) Mon 6:30
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed-Thu 1:05-3:35-7:20-10:10
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:15
**Satyagraha** (STC) Sat 9:55
**The Sleeping Beauty Live - Bolshoi Ballet** (STC) Sun 1
**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri 12-2:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:30 Sat 2:40-5:15-8:05-10:30 Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:30 Mon 1:20-4:10:30 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:30-10:20
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-11:45-1:10-2:05-2:20-4:15-4:50-5:10-7:10-7:40-8:10-10:10-10:35-10:55 Mon-Tue 1:10-2:05-2:20-4:15-4:50-5:10-7:10-7:40-8:05-10:10-10:35-10:45 Wed-Thu 2:05-2:20-4:50-5:10-7:40-8:05-10:35-10:45
**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:50 Sat 3:50-6:10-8:30-10:50 Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45

### VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film

**Anatomy of Violence** (STC) Wed 6:45
**Buck** (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-8 Mon 6:30
**Did You Used to Be R.D. Laing?** (STC) Wed
**A Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt** (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat 6:20 Sun 3-6:20 Mon 8:20
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Tue Thu

# NORTH SHORE

### ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

**Happy Feet Two** (G) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Tue 7:10-9:50
**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
**Hugo 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 6:45-9:35
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4:7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri 6:50-10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 6:50-10
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed-Thu 7:10-9:50
**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri 7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:35 Mon-Tue 7:20-9:35
**The Way** (PG) Fri 6:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10

### PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

**Arthur Christmas 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 6:50-9:40
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10
**Moneyball** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat 4-6:50-9:40 Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Tue 6:50-9:40
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
**Satyagraha** (STC) Sat 9:55
**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50 Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1

# RICHMOND

### SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

**Arthur Christmas 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:15-9:15
**Happy Feet Two** (G) Fri-Wed 12:05-2:45 Thu 3:35 Star & Strollers Screening, Thu 1
**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri 12:20-3:20-6:10-9:05 Sat 12:45-3:30-6:10-9:05 Sun-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:10-9:05
**Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience** (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
**Hugo 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:20-10:35
**Immortals** (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:25
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:25
**In Time** (PG) Fri 12:40-4:7:05-10:05 Sat 4:7:05-10:05 Sun 12:40-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:40-4:7:05-10:05
**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri-Sat 11:50-3:05-6:20-9:50 Sun 11:50-3:35-6:25-9:50 Mon-Wed 11:50-3:05-6:20-9:50 Thu 4:7:15-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:35
**Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-3:05-6:25-9:40 Sun 11:55-3:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 11:55-3:05-6:25-9:40
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed-Thu 11:55-2:55-6:45-9:25
**Puss in Boots** (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-3 Wed-Thu 6:05-9:20
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri-Tue 1:05-3:30-6:35-9
**Real Steel** (PG) Fri-Tue 6:05-9:20
**Satyagraha** (STC) Sat 9:55
**The Sleeping Beauty Live - Bolshoi Ballet** (STC) Sun 1
**The Three Musketeers** (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-3:25-6:15-9:15 Sun 3:25-6:15-9:15 Mon 12:10-3:25-10:20 Tue 12:10-3:25-6:15-9:15
**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:35-10:20
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Thu 11:30-12:12:15-12:30-2:20-3:10-3:35-3:45-5:10-6:30-6:45-7:7:30-8:10-9:50-10:10-10:30-10:45-10:55
**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri-Tue 1:3-4:07-7:25-10:10
**A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas** (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:15-6:55-9:45
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# BURNABY

### DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

**Happy Feet Two** (G) Fri 4:45-6:45-8:45 Sat-Mon 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45-8:45 Tue-Thu 4:45-6:45-8:45
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri 4:30-7:9:20 Sat-Mon 12:2-1:5-4:30-7-9:20 Tue-Thu 4:30-7-9:20

### SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:2:25-5:05-7:45-10:20
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:50-10:35 Sat 2:25-5:05-7:50-10:35 Sun 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:50-10:35
**In Time** (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Sun 1:45-10 Mon 12:30-3:15-10:55 Tue 1:45-4:30-7:15-10
**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:30
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:40
**The Metropolitan Opera: Anna Bolena - Encore** (STC) Mon 6:30
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed-Thu 1:20-4:7-9:40
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri 12:40-2:55-5:35-8:10-35 Sat-Thu 12:20-2:55-5:35-8:10-35
**Satyagraha** (STC) Sat 9:55
**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri 12:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sat 3-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sun-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:40
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05 Sat 12:15-4:35-7:20-10:05 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05 Fri-Thu 12:2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55
**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45 Mon 1:30-3:50-10:45 Tue-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45
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### STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

**50/50** (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:45 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:45 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
**Anonymous** (PG) Fri 4:15-7-9:50 Sat 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Sun 1:30-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
**Dolphin Tale** (STC) Fri 4:25-6:55 Sat 1:45-4:25-6:55 Sun 1:45-4:25 Mon-Thu 4:25
**Footloose** (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-10 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:15-10 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
**The Ides of March** (14A) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun-Thu 6:55
**Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri 4:35-7:10-9:35 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:10-9:35 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10
**Paranormal Activity 3** (14A) Fri 4:45-7:25-9:40 Sat 2-4:45-7:25-9:40 Sun 2-4:45-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25
**Real Steel** (PG) Fri 4:20-7:05-9:55 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05

# NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

### SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

**50/50** (14A) Fri-Sat 1:05-7:40 Sun 1:05 Mon-Tue 1:05-7:40
**Arthur Christmas 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:05-9:50
**Happy Feet Two** (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:40
**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20
**Hugo 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:15-3:50-7:10-10:10
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
**In Time** (PG) Fri 1:25-4:10-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 4:10-7:25-10:05 Mon-Tue 1:25-4:10-7:25-10:05
**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:50-7:10-10:25 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:45-6:55-10:25
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:45
**Puss in Boots** (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:40-9:20
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri-Tue 12:10-2:35-5:7:20-9:50
**The Rum Diary** (PG) Fri-Sat 4:20-10:10 Sun 10:10 Mon-Tue 4:20-10:10
**Satyagraha** (STC) Sat 9:55
**The Sleeping Beauty Live - Bolshoi Ballet** (STC) Sun 1
**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-3:55-6:50-9:45 Wed-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:20-10:05
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Sat 12:12:30-1:2:45-3:30-4:5:30-6:30-7:8:20-9:30-10:11:10 Sun-Mon 12:12:30-1:2:45-3:30-4:5:30-6:30-7:8:20-9:30-10 Tue 12:12:30-1:2:45-3:30-4:5:30-6:30-7:8:20-9:30-10 Wed 12:12:30-2:45-3:30-4:5:30-6:30-7:8:20-9:30-10 Thu 12:12:30-1:2:45-3:30-4:5:30-6:30-7:8:20-9:30-10 Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-5:8-10:55 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1
**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri-Tue 12:25-2:55-5:15-7:55-10:40
**A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas** (18A) Wed-Thu 12:25-2:55-5:15-7:55-10:40
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# SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

### CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

**50/50** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
**Footloose** (PG) Fri-Thu 7
**Puss in Boots** (G) Sat 1:30

### HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

**Breakaway** (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
**Dolphin Tale** (STC) Fri 5 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5 Mon-Thu 5
**Footloose** (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
**The Help** (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
**Johnny English Reborn** (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
**Paranormal Activity 3** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
**Real Steel** (PG) Fri 4:30-6:50 Sat-Sun 12:15-4:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50
**The Smurfs** (G) Sat-Sun 2:35
**The Three Musketeers** (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10

### STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

**Arthur Christmas** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:7:25-9:50
**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:20 Mon-Tue 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:2:30-5:05-7:45-10:20
**Hero Hitler in Love** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
**Hugo 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 1-4:7-9:55
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri-Sat 12:2:40-5:20-8:10:45 Sun 12:10-2:45-5:20-8:10:45 Mon 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:10:45 Tue 12:2:40-5:20-8:10:45 Wed-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:10:45
**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-4:7:20-10:30 Wed 4:7:20-10:30 Thu 12:50-4:7:20-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:20-10:40
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:10:7:50-10:30
**Puss in Boots** (G) Wed-Thu 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:40-10
**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10 Mon 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:40-10 Tue 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10
**RA. One** (14A) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:15 Sun 12:20-9 Mon-Tue 12:20-3:40-7:10:15
**Rockstar** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:50-8:45
**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:50
**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-1:50-2:30-4:40-5:20-7:30-8:10-10:25-11 Mon 12:1:50-2:40-4:40-5:25-7:30-8:10-10:25-10:55 Tue 11:45-1:50-2:30-4:40-5:20-7:30-8:10-10:25-11 Wed 12-2:40-4:40-5:25-7:30-8:10-10:25-10:55 Thu 12-1:50-2:40-4:40-5:25-7:30-8:10-10:25-10:55 Star & Strollers Screening, Wed 1
**A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas** (18A) Fri-Tue 1-3:30-6:8:30-10:50
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### STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

**Arthur Christmas 3D** (STC) Wed 4:35-7:25 Thu 4:35-8:05
**Happy Feet Two** (G) , Sat-Sun 12:45
**Happy Feet Two 3D** (G) Fri-Sun 4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon 5:25-7:55 Tue 4:15-6:45-9:15 Wed 5:25-7:55 Thu 5:25-8:30
**Hugo 3D** (STC) Wed-Thu 5:55-8:35
**Immortals 3D** (18A) Fri 4:50-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:20-10:20 Mon 6-8:55 Tue 4:50-7:20-10:20 Wed 6-8:55 Thu 6-9
**In Time** (PG) Fri-Sun 9:35 Mon 8:10 Tue 9:35
**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:20 Mon 4:25-8:05 Tue 3:15-6:15-9:20 Wed 4:25-8:05 Thu 4:25-7:35
**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri 4:40-7:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:40-7:40-9:50 Mon 5:05-8:30 Tue 4:40-7:40-9:50 Wed 5:05-8:30 Thu 5:05-7:30
**The Muppets** (STC) Wed 4:55-7:35 Thu 5:45-8:45
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Every episode of my new radio show has a segment called Useless Information. Here's some stuff I've uncovered so far. I am not be responsible for how you use this material, so be careful.

Before he joined Guns 'N Roses, Axl Rose was so hard up for cash that he joined a UCLA medical study where he was paid $8 an hour to smoke cigarettes.

The National Orchestra of Monaco has more members than its army.

An early member of The Offspring quit the band because he didn't see it going anywhere. Dr. James Lilija is now a respected gynecologist.

The saxophone in Lou Reed's Walk on the Wild Side was played by David Bowie's childhood music teacher.

One of Bob Marley's children played in the CFL. Rohan Marley had a career with the Ottawa Rough Riders.

The oldest performer to top the Billboard Album Charts is Tony Bennett. He did it earlier this year with his Duets II album at the age of 85.

Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day had a cat named Zero. It died under mysterious circumstances involving a washing machine.

You know the "follow the bouncing ball" method of synchronizing song lyrics to singing in karaoke-like films? That was invented by Max Fleischer, the guy famous for animating the original Popeye.

Concerned about hidden backward messages on records, the state of California considered a law to outlaw messages that "can manipulate our behaviour without our knowledge or consent and turn us into disciples of the Antichirst." It didn't pass.

When U2's Bono was a kid, his nickname was Steinvic von Huyseman. He was later named after Bono Vox, a Dublin hearing aid store.

Before Rihanna recorded Umbrella, it was offered to Britney Spears and Mary J. Blige. They both turned it down.

Britney did choose to do …Baby One More Time — but only after it was rejected by both the Backstreet Boys and TLC.

And still speaking of bad decisions, Billy Idol and Brian Ferry both turned down a chance to record Don't You Forget About Me. Even Simple Minds had to be talked into it by a record company.

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# Kristin Cavallari takes on the Kardashians

**Reality star Cavallari accuses famous family of spreading false rumours**

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▶ Kristin Cavallari

## THE WORD

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Oh, snap! I've never been a super fan of Kristin Cavallari as, really, I'm not too sure what there is to be impressed by.

But I might have a change of heart as she totally called out the Kardashians on The Billy Bush Show on Wednesday.

Here's the backstory: Life & Style is running a story that Scott Disick, the boyfriend and baby daddy of Kourtney Kardashian, fooled around with Cavallari before hooking up with Kourtney.

Kristin says this is "100 per cent not true" and accused the Kardashians of making news where there is none.

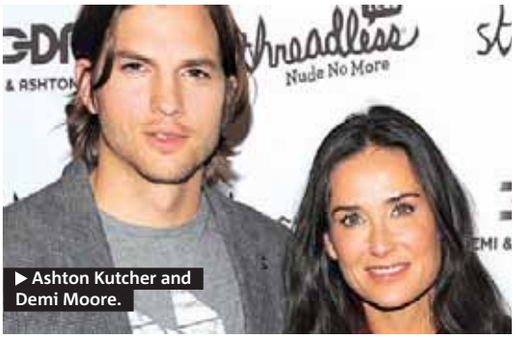
(The Kardashians flaming gossip rumours? Never!)

"What convenient timing for them. With their show premiering next week and with everything that's going on for Kim, I feel like they're trying to take the heat off her," she told Bush.

"When there's a big story like that, they always call you and ask if you want to comment and clearly none of them denied it, so it's very — it's really disrespectful to me. ... I'm in a committed relationship. It's disrespectful to me and Jay (Cutler) and I think it just says a lot about their character."

Um, everything that has happened in the past year with the Kardashians says a lot about their character, don't you think?

# Demi Moore and Ashton are done



▶ Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Demi Moore is ending her marriage to Ashton Kutcher.

The 49-year-old actress announced her divorce plans to The Associated Press Thursday, saying she's doing it with "great sadness and a heavy heart."

She said that "as a woman, a mother and a wife, there are certain values and vows that I hold sacred, and it is in this spirit that I have chosen to move forward with my life."

Moore adds that it's a trying time for her and her family, so she asked for people to respect her privacy.

Moore and Kutcher were wed in September 2005. The couple's relationship became tabloid fodder in recent months as rumours swirled about Kutcher's alleged infidelity.

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# Put on your baker's hat

- Forget running out to the bakery next time you want fresh bread
- These recipes offer three variations so you can keep on baking

## DINNER EXPRESS

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The appeal of quick breads isn't merely the ease, though you have to love any baked good that is no more complicated than mixing a bunch of things together, then baking.

But it also is the adaptability and flexibility of these recipes that have earned them such a coveted place in the home kitchen. They can be flavoured with nearly any combination of ingredients, from sweet all the way to savoury and spicy.

They also can be baked in numerous styles — loaves large or small, as muffins, even simply as muffin tops (if you have the right pan).

To help get you baking this fall, here are two basic quick bread base recipes; one savoury and one sweet. Each recipe includes suggested flavourings – easy ways to take a basic bread and turn it into so much more.

### Savoury Quick Bread Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a loaf or muffin pan with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt and sugar. In another bowl, mix together sour cream, butter, eggs, mashed potato and the mix-ins of your choice. Add potato-sour cream mixture to flour mixture and mix just until combined.
3. For loaf, spread batter into prepared pan. Cook until a wooden skewer inserted at the centre comes out clean, 60 minutes. For muffins, spoon batter into prepared tins and bake 20 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes in pan, then turn out onto a cooling rack. Let loaf cool fully before cutting.

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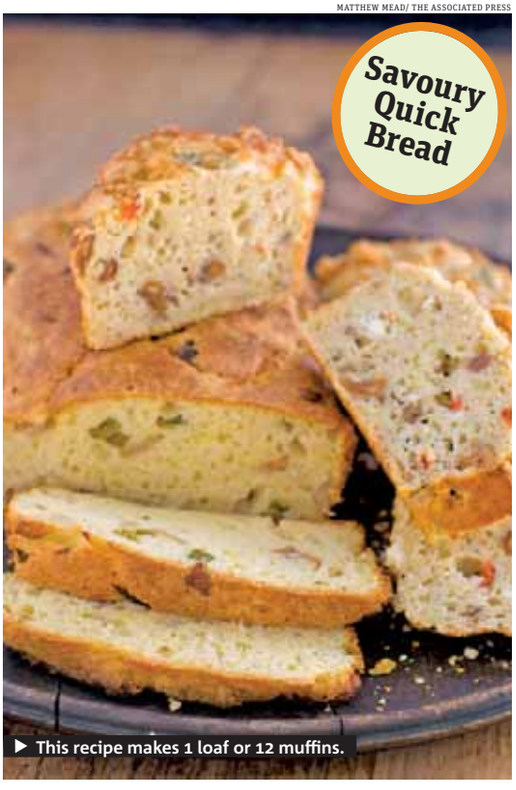


▶ This recipe makes 1 loaf or 12 muffins.

### Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cornmeal
- 12 ml (2 1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) sour cream
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) melted butter
- 2 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked, mashed potato (unseasoned)
- Mix-ins (see fact box)

### Variations

**Southwestern**
125 ml (1/2 cup) diced cooked bacon, 50 ml (1/4 cup) cooked diced green pepper, 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked diced onion, 15 ml (1 tbsp) diced jalapeno

**Olive-herb**
175 ml (3/4 cup) chopped olives, 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan, 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped capers, 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme, 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary

**Blue cheese walnut**
50 ml (1/4 cup) diced roasted red pepper, 125 ml (1/2 cup) toasted chopped walnuts, 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled blue cheese, 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper

## Falling for a hint of sweet

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Whoever thought up raking leaves needs a good talking to. Not that I couldn't use the exercise, it's just that the whole exertion thing really detracts from the enjoyment of my favourite time of year.

I love fall, and even though mid-November can be a bit dreary, this calm before the pre-Christmas storm is a perfect opportunity to light that first fire of the season and get comfy with a glass or two of red wine.

When the weather outside starts to chill, reds — especially those with a good balance of tannin and bright berry fruit — make for fine imbibing with or without food. Find one with an accent of residual sugar and you've got a cocktail tipple that easily overshadows the appeal of a pint of ale or fancy mixed drink.

One of the latest new wave wines that isn't afraid to throw around a bit of sweetness is Apothic Red 2009 Winemaker's Blend ($14.99 - $17.48). Made by E & J Gallo, it's a swirling mix of syrah, zinfandel and merlot that's smooth and juicy with a finalé of big berry fruit.

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## Cinnamon Spice French Toast with Maple Syrup Apples

The combination of spice flavours makes this French toast a family favourite. With the extra special touch of the maple syrup apples, you are sure to enjoy this for breakfast.

**Preparation:**

1. In bowl, whisk eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cloves until well combined.
2. In large non-stick skillet heat oil over medium heat. Dip bread, 2 slices at a time in the egg mixture. Place in skillet and cook about 3 minutes then flip and cook for about 1 minute or until golden brown. Remove from skillet to a large platter; cover with foil and keep warm.
3. Maple Syrup Apples: Meanwhile, in large non-stick skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add apples and stir to coat with butter. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook for 3 minutes. Uncover and cook, stirring occasionally for 2 minutes or until liquid evaporates. Stir in maple syrup and cinnamon; increase heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally for 2 minutes or until tender.
4. Serve French toast with apples.

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▶ This recipe makes six servings.

**Ingredients:**

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup (250 mL) milk
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla
- 1 ½ tsp (7 mL) ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) each ground nutmeg and ginger
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) vegetable oil
- Pinch ground cloves
- 12 slices (3/4 inch/2 cm thick) egg bread or French loaf

**Maple Syrup Apples:**

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter
- 4 cups (1 L) peeled, cored, sliced apples (such as Golden Delicious, HoneyCrisp or Cortland)
- ½ cup (125 mL) pure maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cinnamon

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# Harris' West final exam

## Winnipeg born running back wants to 'put on show' for Lions in Sunday's clash with Eskimos

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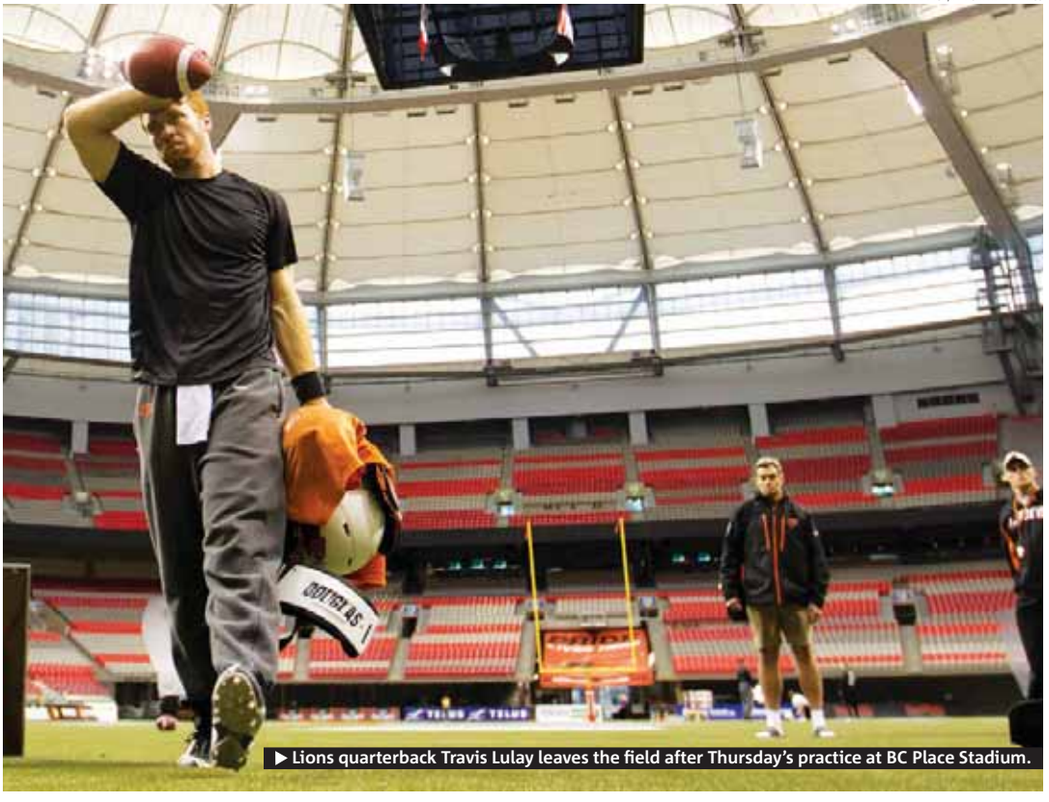

▶ Lions quarterback Travis Lulay leaves the field after Thursday's practice at BC Place Stadium.

Canadian tailbacks rarely get a chance to play, let alone start, in the CFL Western Conference final.

Andrew Harris will be one of the exceptions.

After beginning the season as an afterthought on special teams, Harris will start for B.C. on Sunday as the Lions host the Edmonton Eskimos at B.C. Place for a chance to return to the dome the following weekend for the Grey Cup.

"I'm excited," said Harris after Lions practice on Thursday. "It's been a long time coming here to be in a game with these high stakes. So I want to put on a show and make the best of my opportunities."

The 24-year-old from Winnipeg reached the CFL the almost impossible way, rising up through the Canadian junior ranks instead of the conventional university and CFL draft route.

The Lions made him a territorial protection while he was helping the Vancouver Island Raiders become a powerhouse in his five seasons as a junior. He commuted to Lions practices while still playing for the Raiders. After signing as a free agent once his junior eligibility ended, he spent the entire 2009 season on the practice roster.

Harris got his chance to start this season after the Lions traded fellow Canadian Jerome Messam to Edmonton for a draft pick because of off-field discipline problems, and veteran import Jamal Robertson was moved to the practice roster because of on-field struggles and the club's need to balance its Canada and non-import ratio.

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**"It was, like, minus-35 ... I think I left in the middle of the fourth quarter, or something like that, because I knew the Lions had it in the bag."**

LIONS RUNNING BACK ANDREW HARRIS ON HIS ONLY PREVIOUS TRIP TO THE GREY CUP — AS A FAN. HARRIS WATCHED B.C.'S 25-14 VICTORY OVER MONTREAL IN THE 2006 CFL CHAMPIONSHIP IN HIS HOMETOWN WINNIPEG.

Harris quickly secured his spot as the No. 1 runner and finished the regular season with 458 yards rushing on 96 carries with one touchdown, and 30 receptions for 395 yards and seven touchdowns.

The calm conditions of BC Place may favour the passing game, but quarterback Travis Lulay said the Lions still must go to Harris and establish the running attack to move the yardage chains on first down.

"It is important to maintain that level of balance," Lulay said. "You just don't want to become too one-dimensional and make any aspect of the game more difficult on you than it already is. So we'll have to have some discipline, we'll have to have some balance."

While the Eskimos try stop Harris, the Lions will attempt to thwart a two-pronged replacement for Messam, who is sidelined for the season with a knee injury after rushing for 1,057 yards in the regular season. Hugh Charles and Calvin McCarty will fill in at running back. Even with Messam out the Lions defence know they can't relax in combatting the run.

"You've got to run the ball in this league," said defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell. "To say you're not going to run the ball because Jerome Messam's out, that's a facade."

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# Astros' sale sparks 'historical' day for baseball

Baseball will be making major changes in the next two years — adding two teams to the playoffs, moving the Houston Astros to the American League and extending interleague play to September.

The expanded playoffs could come as early as next year. That will put 10 teams in the post-season, requiring a new wild-card playoff round that probably will be one game, winner take all.

The altered playoff structure is subject to an agreement on a new labour contract with the players' association, which is expected before the current deal expires Dec. 11.

"We believe, after a lot of study and a lot of thought, that the addition of two wild cards will really help us in the long run," said commissioner Bud Selig, who called it a "historical" morning.

Baseball began its playoff system in 1969 and doubled the playoff teams to eight in 1994.

As a condition for approving the reported $615 million US sale of the Astros from Drayton McLane to Jim Crane, the Astros agreed to shift from the NL Central to the AL West as soon as 2013, giving each league 15 teams. It's baseball's first realignment since Milwaukee went to the NL in 1998.

With an odd number of teams in each league, there will be interleague play from April through September. Since interleague games began in 1997, they had been concentrated around May and late-June.

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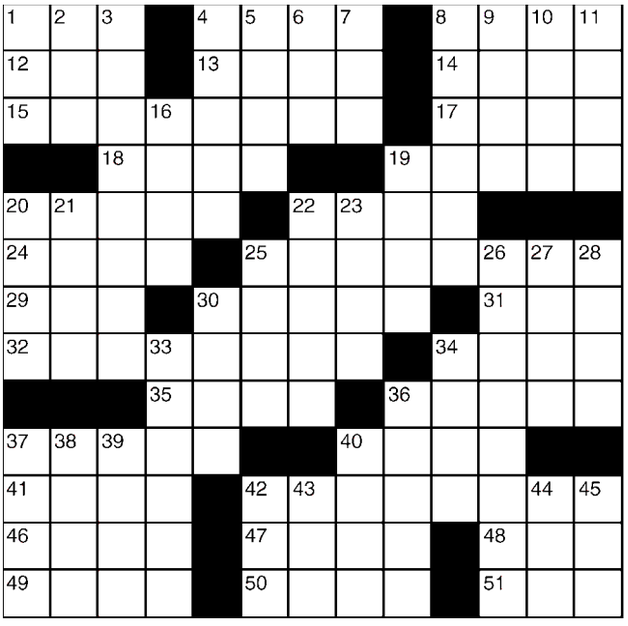

**Across**

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4 Secondhand
8 Tousle
12 401(k) alternative
13 Nevada city
14 Exam format
15 Utensil made from a gourd shell
17 Data, for short
18 Open slightly
19 Surround
20 Jordan's capital
22 Categorize
24 Wheedle
25 Aerosol vessel
29 Pitch
30 Corn
31 Consumed
32 Thick-bladed dagger
34 Turn the soil
35 Don Juan's mother
36 Soil samples rich in clay
37 Big glitch
40 Throat clearer
41 Grown-up nits
42 Poison ivy aid
46 Culture medium
47 Burden
48 Sawbuck
49 Anything but that
50 Crimson Tide school
51 Nevertheless

**Down**

1 (Uncorrected)
2 Mound stat
3 Trattoria dish
4 City-related
5 Burn somewhat
6 Type measures
7 Homer's interjection
8 Half
9 Coffee shop vessels
10 Well-protected
11 Coin aperture
16 Trojan War hero
19 Highland hillside
20 New Testament book
21 Castle protection
22 Olympic swimming legend Mark
23 Rice-shaped pasta
25 Fill fully
26 Dire situation
27 Fermi's bit
28 11 o'clock broadcast
30 Carte
33 Longtime convicts
34 Verse
36 Tibet's capital
37 Venetian blind part
38 In the offing
39 Exotic berry
40 Grad
42 Stocky horse
43 Santa —winds
44 Born
45 Tolkien character

**▶ Thursday's answer**

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## Sudoku

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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**Thursday's answer ▶**

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**ADONIS**

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**SPEARS**

*Angel from Austria, I wish I could and would spend more time with - we should go on a date for our sixth, you are all I need and seek, a kiss from my lips to your cheek, think of me when you go back and things look bleak.*
**LITTLE JESSE**

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**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** Use your charm to get what you need today – but make sure what you need is good for other people too.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** Be on your guard and make sure you don't fall for any misinformation.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** You are worrying too much, but if it bothers you that much, get it checked out by an expert.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** Romantically this is a time of great opportunity, so don't be shy.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** If there is a project you still have not finished you might as well forget it.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** Don't sit at home waiting for life to come to you – go out and meet it halfway.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** If you let things drift or let other people call the shots you could find yourself out of touch and maybe out of pocket too.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** Make the most of your chances over the next few days.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** There are still a number of important loose ends that need to be tied up.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** Whatever extraordinary ideas pop into your head over the next 24 hours you must follow them through to their conclusion.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** Act now. Not tomorrow or next week or the week after that but now, this very minute.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.** Your confidence has been high over the past few weeks but already you can sense that a more challenging phase will soon be upon you. That's OK. You need to be pushed and the planets always push you in the right direction. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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